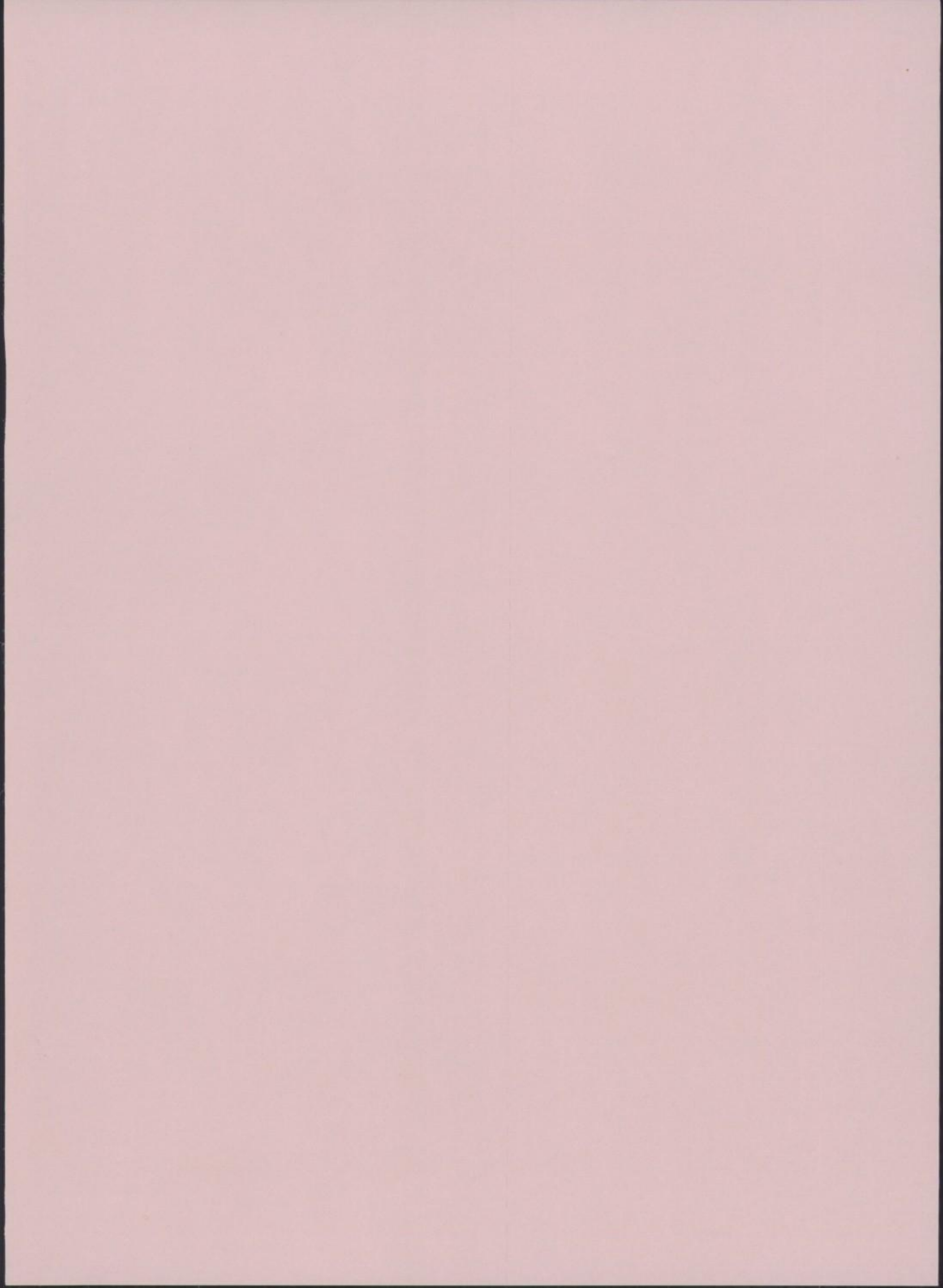


A Striking Year



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Eighty-seven

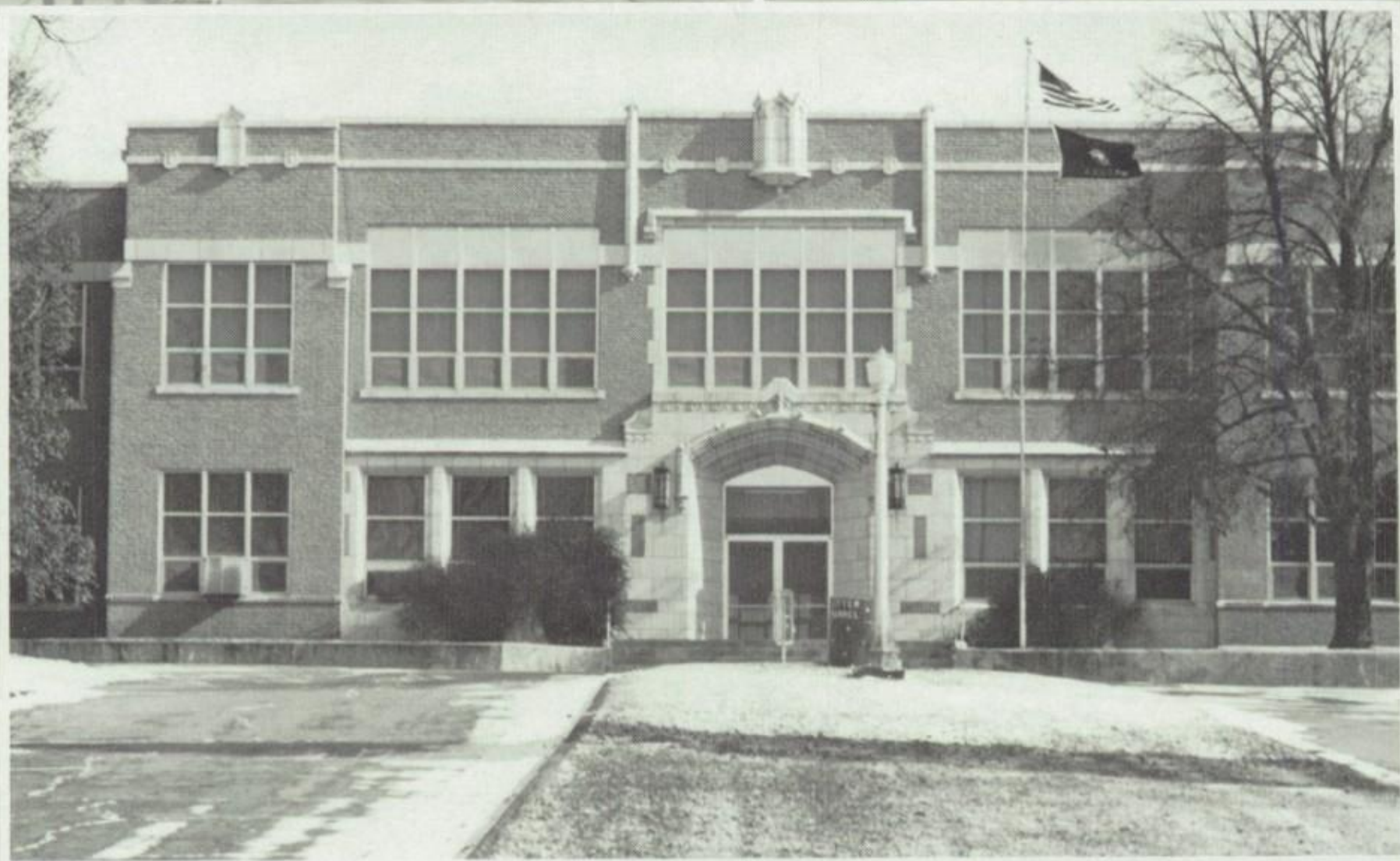
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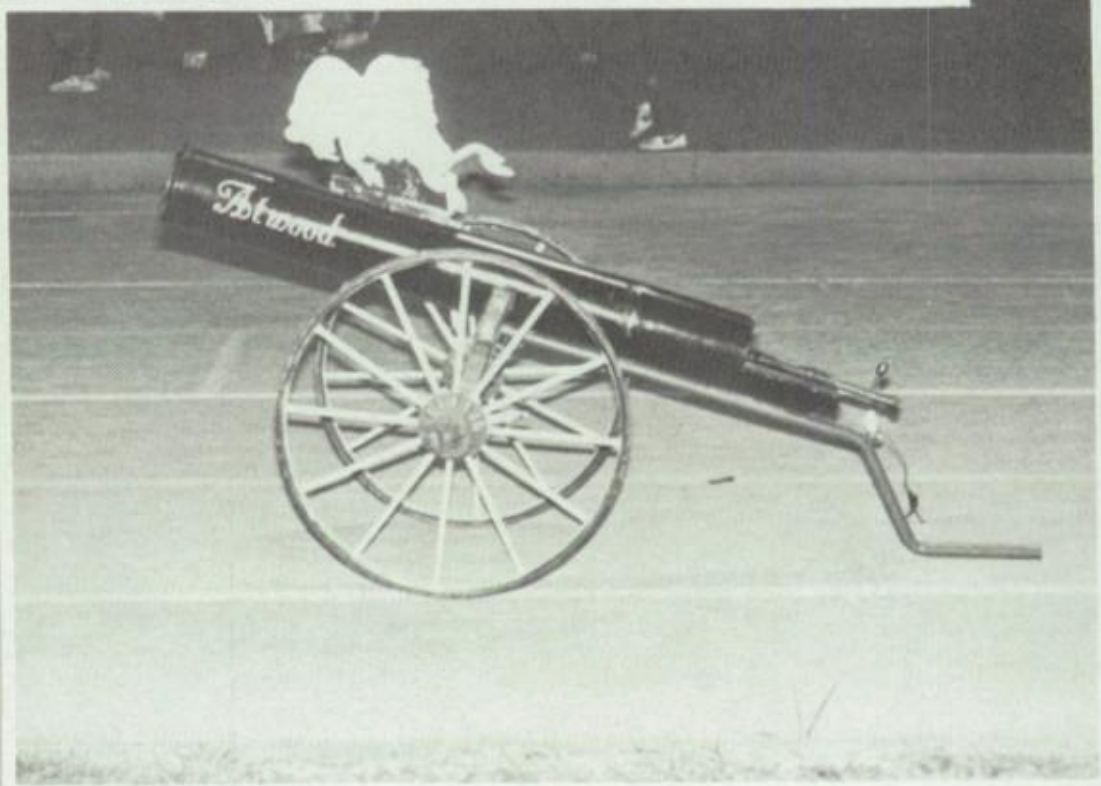
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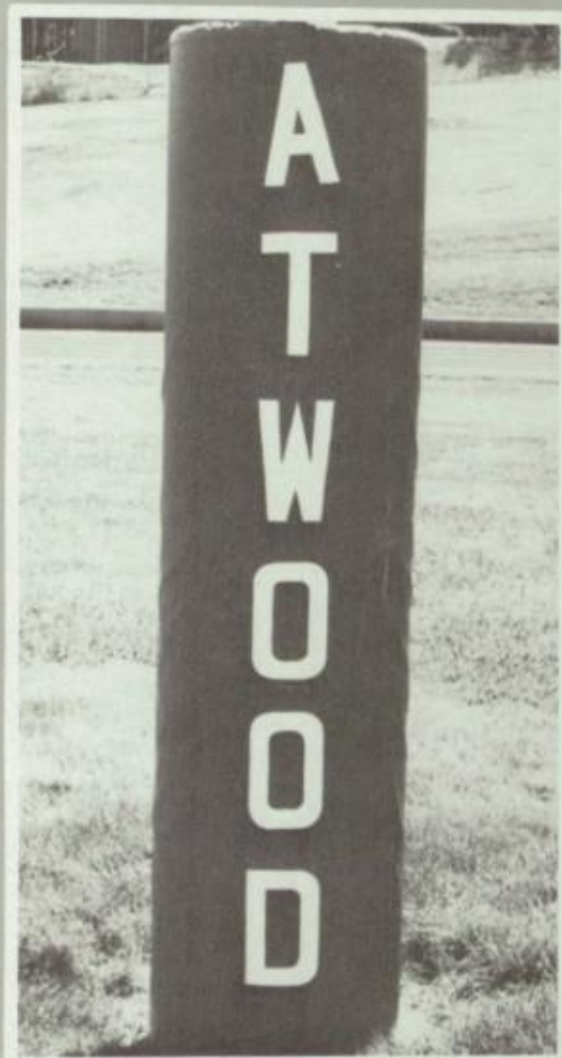
PRELUDE

Let's Look At A Striking Year



In a sense, each school year can be described as a storm. 'The thunder is impressive, but lightning does the trick.'

The year is full of things that sound great, and expectations are high. However, without the hard work and determination of the students, faculty and others, nothing can be accomplished. The effort and resolutions to make it a 'Striking Year,' is what gets results.



School Life

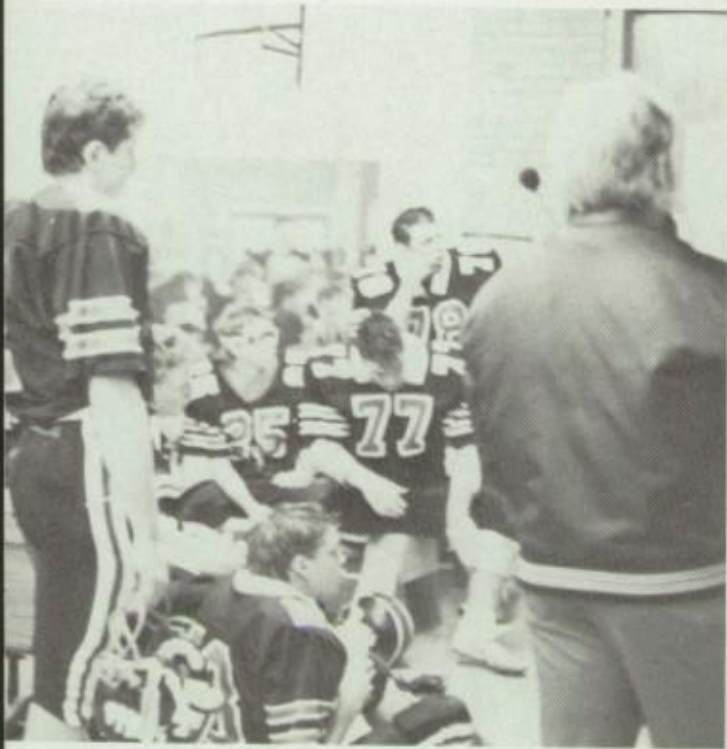


These Are The People.

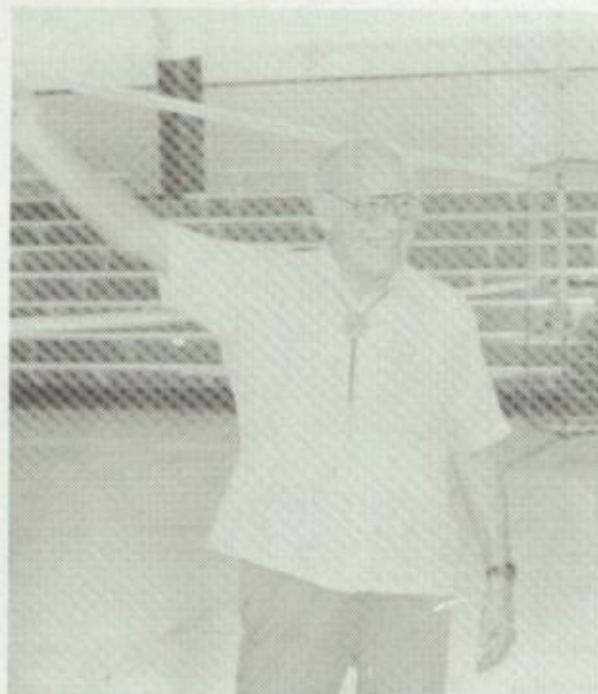
Students will have days of disappointment, bruised feelings, broken friendships, stacks of homework, lost ball games. There will be the anguish of discovering that the problem you stayed up all night working on until you fell asleep (and still didn't get done) isn't due for two more days. There will be days that won't end. Days when teachers are yelling because their class had been disrupted several times that hour. Then there will be days when everyone is happy and no one can get anything done. Without the people here, there would be no teaching, and no learning in this building. These people made '86-'87 a "Striking Year".

Reflections Of . . . Special Moments

Do not look upon what is gone,
But look to what we had;
The laughter, the love, and
memories,
Has yet to make us sad.
- Dixie Wendler -



This striking year of 1986-87 has produced many 'Special Moments.' Mac's last year, happy times, dynamic events, and we mourn the loss of a friend; all these events come to our memory. Smiles fly and we shed a tear, but all in all we had a great time. Looking around, its easy to see, Atwood High must have been the place to be.



Harold "Shonie" Schoenberger was a dedicated Atwood High football fan for over thirty years. He attended almost every game. He always had a smile for everyone. He will be greatly missed.



SENIORS . . .



Kyle Domsch
Kyle Domsch



Darcy Kraft
Darcy Kraft



Gwendolyn K. Bell
Gwen Bell



Jennifer "Gin" Cooper
Jennifer Cooper



Amy "Bergie" Berggren
Amy Berggren



Nick Simminger
Nick Simminger



Cheryl Domsch
Cheryl Domsch



Blaine "Wease" Ginther
Blaine Ginther



Karl "Smiley" Hafer
Karl Hafer



Melissa Palmer
Melissa Palmer



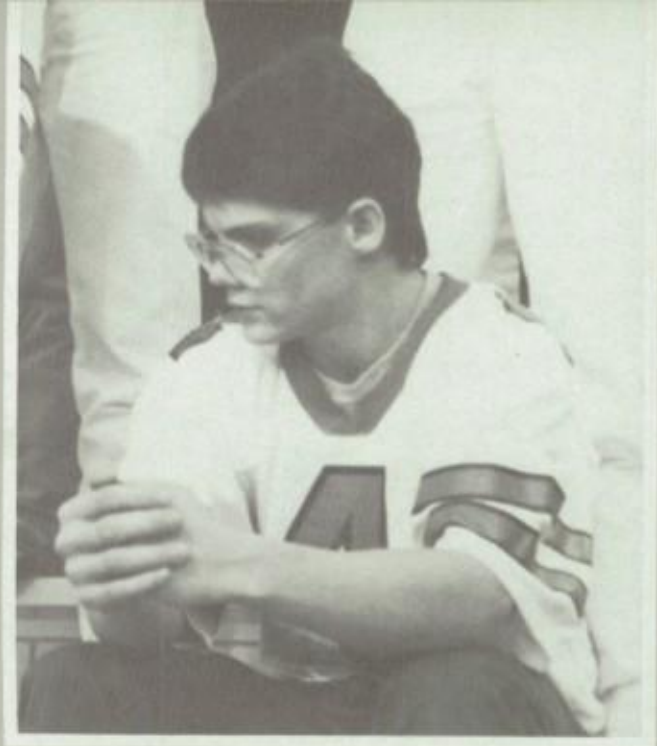
Mark Vrbas
Mark Vrbas



Terraca Withington
Terraca Withington



WE'RE SO HOT



Wendy Luedders
Wendy Luedders



Stephanie Chessmore
Stephanie Chessmore



Melissa "Willie" Williams
Melissa Williams



Mike "SKI" Wederski
Mike Wederski



Darren Kogl
Darren Kogl



Darla Phelps
Darla Phelps



Amy Bondurant
Amy Bondurant



Robert Emahizer
Bob Emahizer

.... "WE'RE COOL!"



Melissa Hafer
Melissa Hafer



Joanna "Joanna" McIntyre
Joanna McIntyre



Troy Stice
Troy Stice



Terri Roberts
Terri Roberts



Tim Micek "Mills"
Tim Micek



Amber Hardon
Amber Hardon



Christopher P. Dirks
Chris Dirks

THE
CLASS
OF '87

WE ARE IN THE MONEY, With Nachos, Pepsi, And Prom.



Class of
1988

Sponsors: Mr. Finn, Mrs. Shaw, Mr. Lankas, and Mr. Ross

Juniors are really heading for the TOP in 1986-87. All are anxious for Prom and becoming Seniors. The class of 1988 worked together and got things completed. Everyone really made it fun and successful year.

Christi Collins
President
Michelle Adams
Vice-President
Becky Carlson
Secretary
Karla McFee
Treasurer
David Allacher



Stacey Berens
Josh Biera
Celeste Bliss
Robbie Brown
Jeff Buck



Tracy Buford
Regan Green
Roy Harris
Kristi Holmes
Troy Horinek





Cheryl Jackson
Kathy Lewis
Joey Matissek
Rose Micek
Nadine Miller



Sue Ann Miller
Danielle Organ
Jonathan Pancake
Marc Payton
Jack Persinger



Brad Pfortmiller
Greg Philpott
George Pianalto
Tammy Pitner
Marc Prochazka



Shem Raabe
Brad Reeh
Melissa Reeh
James Ruda
Robin Ruda



Jeremy Sis
James Solko
Patty Steele
Ryan Stice
Selena Tolman



Stephanie Vap

David Allacher shows determination on selling a hot dog. Even a broken wrist will not stop him.

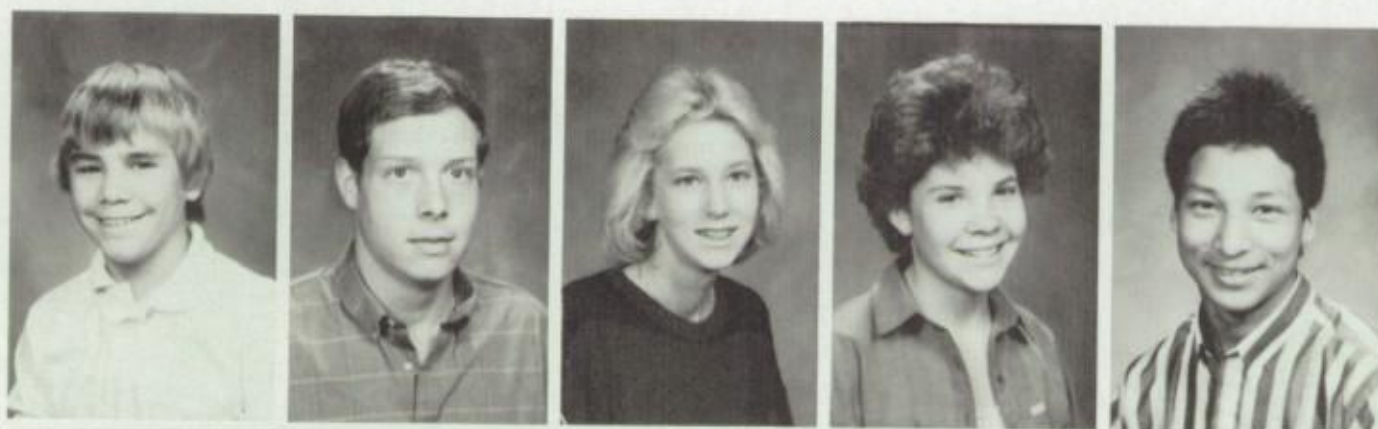


STEP'IN UP AND SHOWING OFF CLASS



Sophomores really showed their pride and spirit. Even in the cold, Shayleen Wederski and Bobi Jo Beims sit there and cheer on the team (left). During a pep rally, the whole class sits together getting fired up for the upcoming game (right).

Jeff McIntyre
President
Tom Dewey
Vice-President
Mary Ostmeyer
Sec./Treas.
Bobi Beims
Jamie Biera



Breon Bliss
Rod Carroll
Tom Crowdis
Gene Curry
Lisa Curtin



Melanie Dill
Mike Doty
Roger Doty
Jeff Glad
Carol Harmon



Missy Hayes
Dana Heble
Amy Hill
Anthony Horinek
David Horinek





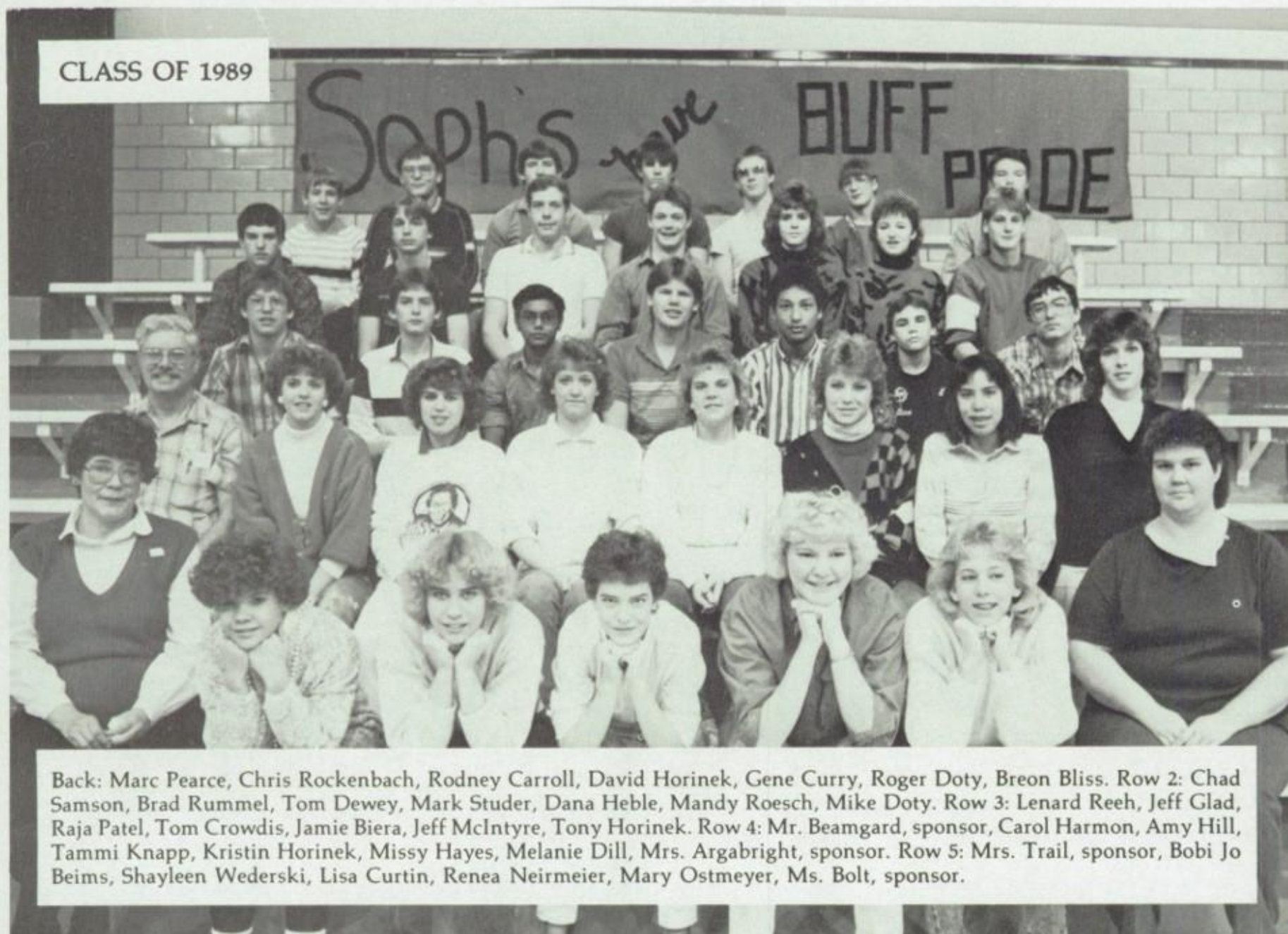
Kristin Horinek
 Tammi Knapp
 Renea Niermeier
 Raja Patel
 Marc Pearce



Lenard Reeh
 Chris Rockenbach
 Mandy Roesch
 Debby Ruda
 Brad Rummel



Chad Samson
 Mark Studer
 Shayleen Wederski



CLASS OF 1989

Back: Marc Pearce, Chris Rockenbach, Rodney Carroll, David Horinek, Gene Curry, Roger Doty, Breon Bliss. Row 2: Chad Samson, Brad Rummel, Tom Dewey, Mark Studer, Dana Heble, Mandy Roesch, Mike Doty. Row 3: Lenard Reeh, Jeff Glad, Raja Patel, Tom Crowdis, Jamie Biera, Jeff McIntyre, Tony Horinek. Row 4: Mr. Beamgard, sponsor, Carol Harmon, Amy Hill, Tammi Knapp, Kristin Horinek, Missy Hayes, Melanie Dill, Mrs. Argabright, sponsor. Row 5: Mrs. Trail, sponsor, Bobi Jo Beims, Shayleen Wederski, Lisa Curtin, Renea Neirmeier, Mary Ostmeyer, Ms. Bolt, sponsor.

IT'S BEEN A 'HEFTY' YEAR

For The Freshmen



Speaking of having unusual experiences, what the freshmen have learned this year will help make the next three run smoother. Hopefully, they have learned to look up to the upperclassmen for support, for help, and for advice. For thirty-three classmen, it was one 'hefty' year.

Kathy Howland, Kyndie Boyd, Jeff Doty, Tracy Kleimschmidt, Sheila Hull, Angie Dillinger, Troy Morrel, and Brent Ginther in General Science

B.D. Horton
President
Kenny Fishburn
Vice Pres.
Chris Sramek
Sec./Treas.
Corey Kastens
Mark Conley



Janel Berens
Kyndie Boyd
Jim Dirks
Angie Dillinger
Jeff Doty



Lyle Dixon
Tracy Kleinschmidt
Jake Fields
Brent Ginther
Brendon Glad



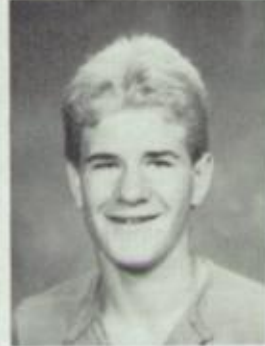
Reyce Headley
Lynne Henry
Wendy Holmdahl
Dedra Houghton
Cathy Howland



FRESHMEN



Sheila Hull
Daryl Kopriva
Stacy Mentlick
Jackie McKernan
Troy Morrell



Leslie Pianalto
Deanna Philpott
Eric Pearce
Kathy Ruda
Lori Ruda



Gary Taylor
Jeff Vrbas
Brian Withington


Left to right: Mr. Bliss, Mrs. Finn, Mrs. Hankins, Mr. Dillon, Kyndie Boyd, Sheila Hull, Eric Pearce, Brendon Glad, Reyce Headly, Deanna Philpott, Cathy, Howland, B. D. Horton, Troy Morrell, Brian Withington, Kathy Ruda, Jackie McKernan, Gary Taylor, Lyle Dixon, Janel Berens, Lynn Henry, Lori Ruda, Jim Dirks, Jeff Doty, Daryl Kopriva, Angie Dillinger, Leslie Pianalto, Jake Fields, Jeff Vrbas, Corey Castens, Dedra Houghton, Stacy Mentlick, Kenny Fishburn, Brent Ginther, Chris Sramek. Not pictured: Mark Conley and Wendy Holmdahl

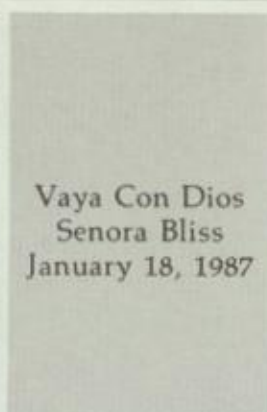


BEST OF THE BEST . . .

Faculty Members Are Top Notch.

To quote a student, "Atwood High has to 'best of the best' in teachers." They all care a lot about the needs of the students, not just in school matters, but also, in personal matters. They seem to always want to help the students and even give some of their own time to assist in projects.

 Mrs. Catherine Bliss is shown helping Terri Roberts with her French. We all were saddened about her passing away on January 18, 1987.



Vaya Con Dios
Senora Bliss
January 18, 1987



Rhonda Agrabright
Bill Beamgard
Catherine Bliss
Tom Bliss
Karen Bolt
Pam Brown



Kurt Dillon
Jim Finn
Nita Finn
Mona Hankins
Gleneva Higley
Diane Jones



Dan Lankas
Pat McClellan
Diane Montgomery
Veau Dell Prochazka
Kristi Reneberg
Keith Ross



Kelly Roy
Anna Shaw
Julie Delaney Solko
John Terry
Fran Trail
Melanie Currier

ADMINISTRATION SETS THE PACE



Verle O. McClellan, affectionately known as "Mac", came to Atwood High in 1949 as a biology teacher. He also helped coach many sports and teach other classes. In 1966, he became the principal. We appreciate what Mac has done, and are sure to miss him.



Verle "Mac" McClellan, then and now.



Lois Smith, Secretary



The School Board of U.S.D. #318

School Board left to right: Scott Beims, David Phelps, Charles Walker, John Mickey, Dr. Theador Jones, LeRoy Horinek, Voma Walker, and Jean Holmdahl.



Marilyn Glad, Secretary



Janice Knapp, Clerk



Theador E. Jones, Ed. D.
Superintendent

WE WOULD BE LOST,

Without Special People Like These. They . . .

. . . Are Student Assistants.

The Library Aides pause for a quick picture with their advisors. Left to Right: Mrs. Mona Hankins, Melissa Hafer, Melissa Williams, Stephanie Chessmore, and Mrs. Pat McClellan.



Left: Mr. Lankas, Athletic Director, and Joanna McIntyre, his assistant, stop a moment for a snapshot.

Right: Lois Smith, Office Secretary, and Amy Berggren, her assistant, take a look at the book work.



. . . Are Custodians Or Laundresses.



Melvin Bray
Head Custodian

It is not by chance that we have clean class rooms, halls, uniforms, and towels. We have three dedicated people who keep up with all of us. Mr. Bray and Mrs. Brown, work together to keep the school clean, and Mrs. Prideaux works with the laundry.



Jean Brown
Custodian



Maxine Prideaux
Laundress



... ARE COOKS

Left: Em Threlkel and Mary Draper take a look at the grapes. These ladies, along with the help of school dietitian Dorothy Brown, spend many hours planning and preparing nutritious meals for us.



... ARE NURSES



Connie Argabright
School Nurse



Dennis Buford, bus maintenance supervisor, takes a peek around Darren Kogl.



Keith Ross
Communications
Director

Not many people realize the hard work and dedication that a bus driver devotes to his or her job. Another unsung hero is the person who radios to the bus drivers when there are things to remember or do. The man who keeps all the school vehicles running smoothly is often forgotten. We take this opportunity to salute them. Bus Maintenance Supervisor-Dennis Buford and Communications Director-Keith Ross. The bus drivers include Joe Kopriva, Connie Cooper, Valerie Beasley, Frances Berggren, Pat Frohman, Cynthia Burk, J.R. Canther, Marge McFee, Stan Higley, and many substitute drivers. We would also like to say, "Thank you," for all that they have done for us.

A CHANGE FOR THE EXCHANGE . . .

. . . Finds Lots Of Memories



Jonas Johansson

Jonas Johansson

Jochen Sturm calls Auerbach, West Germany 'home'. He is the second son of Wilfried and Gerda Sturm. His only brother, Roland, is one and a half years older than Jochen. Given a chance to sum up his view of the year, Jochen said, "It was a great year and I enjoyed it very much. I will never forget my times as an Atwood High School football player, wrestler, track participant, and student. Thanks to all of my friends, teachers, and host family, Mrs. and Mrs. Orren Bronson. I hope I have another chance to visit Atwood."



Jonas studying for a test in American History.



Coach Argabright talks to pep club on behalf of Jonas Johansson and Tony Horinek for Regional Cross-country.

Hailing from Klippan, in the southern part of Sweden, is Jonas Johansson. Along with his parents, Lars-Eric and Ingegard Johansson, he has one brother and two sisters in his family. He enjoys swimming, playing, soccer, running, reading, and listening to music. Given a chance to sum up his year here as a Senior, Jonas stated, "I will remember the school and the sports (cross-country, basketball, track) I went out for. I will also remember the people I met and the friends I made. I want to thank my host family, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hull, for letting me stay with them. Of course I can't forget the reporter for not giving up on getting this response."

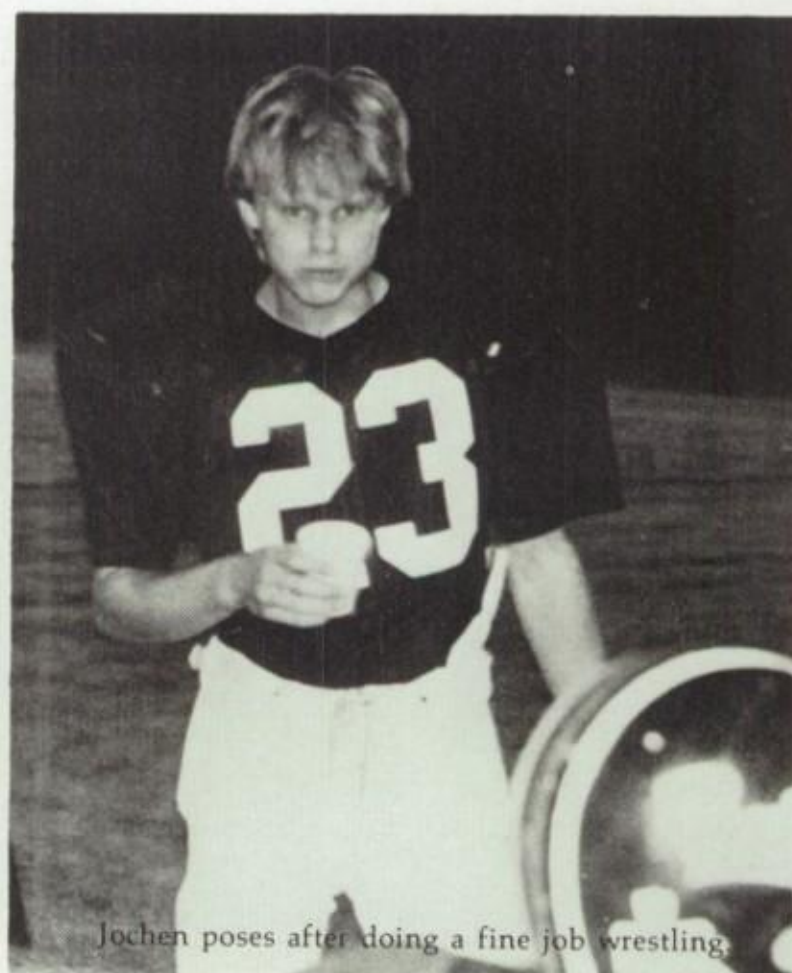


Jochen Sturm

Jochen Sturm



Jochen Sturm pausing for a picture during football scrimmage. He enjoys playing in his hometown as well.



Jochen poses after doing a fine job wrestling.

Activities



Involvement Takes Time

Life after 3:40 is still involved with school activities for many people. Sports take the rest of the afternoon, while play practices for class plays are held in the evenings. Games, plays, band and vocal concerts take place in the evenings. Everyone's time is taken up with all of these activities plus much homework, many classes, and everything else that is important in the life of a student.



A.H.S. HAS 'CLASS'

The classes offered at A.H.S. are: ART: Art I,II,III,IV. BUSINESS: Typing I,II; Office Procedures; Bookkeeping. COMPUTER SCIENCE: Basic Programming; Advanced Programming. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS: English I,II,III,IV; Speech; Journalism. MUSIC: Vocal; Vocal Techniques; Band. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Spanish I,II,III; French I,II. PHYSICAL EDUCATION: Freshman P.E.; Weight Training. MATH: General Math; Pre-Algebra; Algebra I,II; Geometry; Senior Math. INDUSTRIAL ARTS: Carpentry; Furniture Upholstery; Cabinet Making. HOME ECONOMICS: Foods I,II; Human Development; Teacher Aide; Clothing; Clothing Construction; Consumer Economics. SOCIAL SCIENCES: European History; American History; World Geography; Modern America; Psychology; American Government. SCIENCE: General Science; Biology I,II; Chemistry. VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE: Small Engines; Auto Care and Maintenance; Basic Welding; Welding Projects; Introduction to Agriculture; Intermediate Agriculture; Advanced Agriculture.



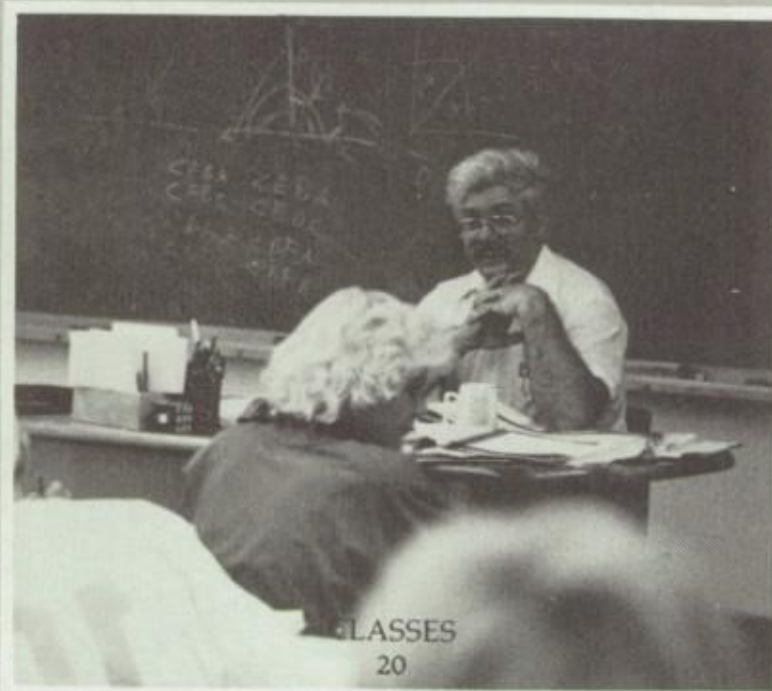
Some of the freshman girls talk between classes.

Anger is useless.
Humor moves mountains.
Listening is giving.
Speaking is learning.
Honesty is magic.

Stephanie Vap looks at yearbook examples during journalism class.



Mr. Bill Beamgard talks about angles.



CLASSES
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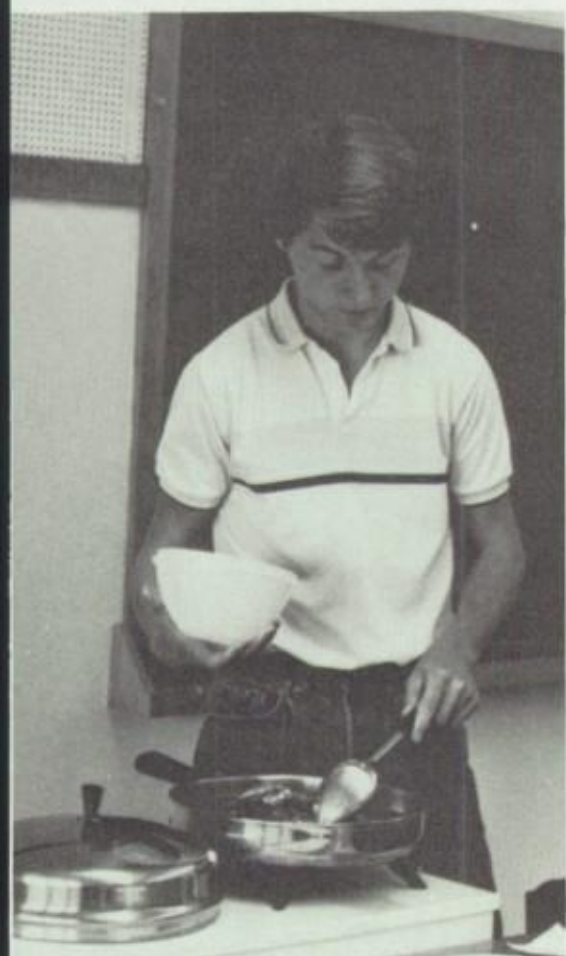
Marc Prochazka and Brad Rummel compare notes during speech class.



"Who me? Books? Probably in my bag." Regan Green proclaims during study hall.

Deciding if the picture is good, Amy Berggren looks at all different angles.





George Pianalto shows the speech class how to cook spaghetti.



English III students take time from class to get their picture taken.

There's no better time to have the time of your life.



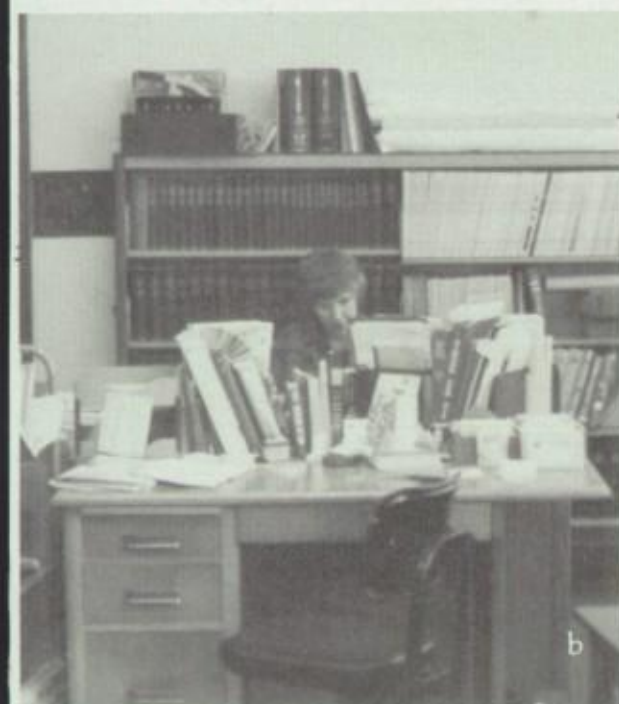
American history class takes a break from studying.



- a. Mrs. McClellan helps Melissa Williams in the library.
- b. Mrs. Hankins works hard to make the library run smoothly.
- c. Jeremy, Tracy, Jeff, Josh, and Marc hold down the Junior Stand.



Jeff Glad, Brad Pfortmiller, and Daryl Kopriva spend time in the library during study hall.





a. To help prepare for testing, government class completes worksheets. b. Geometry class takes their assignment seriously? c. Tim Micek works on his shop project. d. The Biology II and chemistry classes travelled to Denver on their field trip. e. Christi Collins involves the audience during the Junior Play. f. Lynne Henry, B. D. Horton, and Kristin Horinek exhibit typing skills.





Above-Sue Miller and Melissa Palmer work on their speeches. Right-Mark Vrbas and Marc Payton work on their assignment. What is Brad Rummel doing?



During a break, vocal class relaxes. right-Stacey Mentlick pauses for a picture while working on an art project.



Mr. Kurt Dillon supervises Jeremy Sis working on an engine.



A BRAND NEW YEAR . . .



The Vocal department began the year with a fun-filled, energetic project . . . LAS VEGAS NIGHT. It took a lot of hard work and patience, but Gleneva Higley and the vocal class produced an outrageous program. This was the last performance of Mrs. Higley's teaching career and one that will be remembered always. Each class prepared their own variety act, many of the students displayed their individual talents with vocal solos, and the choir entertained by singing various Broadway songs. Royal Burgundian Consort "wowed" the audience with their practice perfect choreography and music.



Mrs. Gleneva Higley taught vocal at AHS for 10 1/2 years before retiring in 1987.



... BRINGS A FRESH FACE.

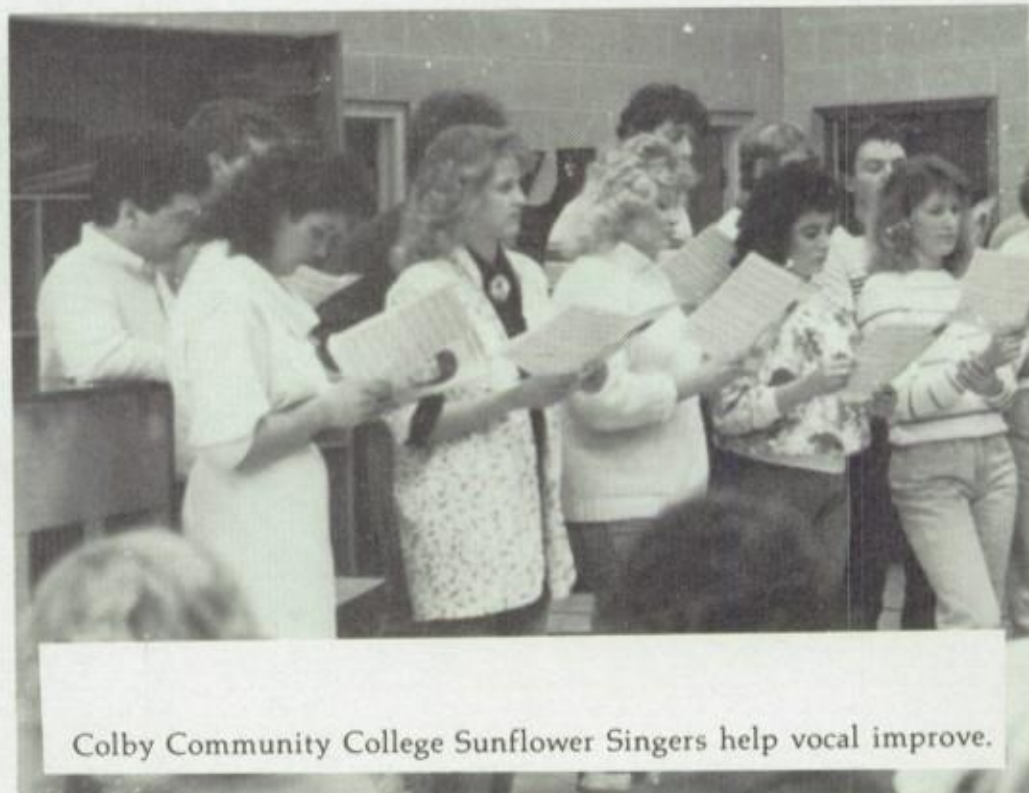


In place of the musical, Mrs. Reneberg, along with Mrs. Schmidt, put on a play entitled "Funky Winderbean's Homecoming". Both vocal and band participated.

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Vocal Council: Leslie Pianalto, Melissa Williams, Joanna McIntyre, Cheryl Domsch, Amy Hill, Karl Hafer, Ryan Stice



Colby Community College Sunflower Singers help vocal improve.



CONSORT HAS A VERSATILE YEAR . . .

With Two Different Directors



Consort members, from left, James Kuhn, Brandon Glad, Jennifer Cooper, Mark Strider, Karl Hagen, Marc Prince, and Gene Gusey, from Michelle Dell, Deborah Adams, Melissa Williams, Michelle Adams, Celeste Bliss, Cheryl Domsch, Christi Collins, Debby Ruda, and Joanna McIntyre.

The 1986-87 school year brought many changes for the members of the Royal Burgundian Consort. Mrs. Gleneva Higley directed their occasional performances for the first half of the year, Then Mrs. Lea Holste assumed the position as their director for the second half.



While performing at Las Vegas Night, Consort decided to "dress-down" for an informal surf medley.



Brendon "Bill Bailey" Glad pouts while the consort girls try to sing him back home.



'STRIKE UP THE BANDS'

Michelle keeps the beat during a pep rally.

Band members:



Pep Band members were: Melanie Dill, Angie Dillinger, Cathy Howland, Kyndie Boyd, Sheila Hull, Lisa Curtin, Bobi Jo Beims, Patty Steele, Michelle Adams, Melissa Palmer, Kristi Holmes, Celeste Bliss, Rose Micek, Tammy Pitner, Kathy Lewis, Danielle Organ, Bob Emahizer, Chris Dirks, James Solko, Mark Studer, B.D. Horton, Brian Withington, and Lyle Dixon.

Atwood Band marched for football games under the direction of Mrs. Kristi Reneburg. They also marched in the Air Force Academy Band Day.

Rose Micek, Patty Steele, Celeste Bliss, Kristi Holmes, Bobi Jo Beims, and Melanie Dill tried out for KMEA. Kristi, Celeste, Patty, and Rose were chosen to go.

Mrs. Schmidt, the 'band aide', came to work after Christmas. In January, the band went to Topeka. They performed at the inaugural of Mike Hayden.

Flute soloist Melanie Dill and the Clarinet Quartet (Patty S., Rose M., Kyndie B., Bobi B., and Kristi H.) received I ratings at Contest.

Mark and James play the Trumpeters, Chris and Bob.



(Below) Participants in KMEA this year were: Patty Steele, Kristi Holmes, Celeste Bliss, and Rose Micek. (Right) Patty Steele (left) and Michelle Adams were the 1986-87 Drum Majors.



Patty directs the band during a football game.



FHA'S DREAMS LIGHT THE WAY



FHA members include Veau Dell Prochazka, Darcy Kraft, Jennifer Cooper, Amber Hardon, Gwen Bell, Tammy Pitner, Bobi Jo Beims, Lisa Curtin, Kristi Holmes, James Ruda, Ryan Stice, Jeff Doty, Cheryl Jackson, Celeste Bliss, Rose Micek, Melissa Reeh, Sue Miller, Robin Ruda, Melissa Williams, Melissa Hafer, Darla Phelps, Terraca Withington, Nick Simminger, Cheryl Domsch, Melissa Palmer, and Stephanie Chessmore. Not pictured, Jim Dirks.

This year FHA went to Fall Conference held in Colby, KS. They had a Christmas party for young children. By earning points, some of the members were able to go to the State Meeting held in Wichita, April 2-3. National FHA week was one of the exciting projects FHA put together. The week started with Beach Bum Day on Tuesday, College Day on Wednesday; Thursday was Hat Day, and Friday was Red, White, and Black Day. Also going on that week, volunteers delivered Meals on Wheels throughout the community. Because everyone worked together and helped out, it was an exciting year.



FHA Officers are: Advisor-Veau Dell Prochazka, Stu-Co Representative-Gwen Bell, President-Darcy Kraft, Vice-President-Jennifer Cooper, and Secretary/Treasurer-Amber Hardon



James Ruda and Ryan Stice earn points during cake giveaway.



Terraca Withington is 'stamping' her way for points.



Left: Stephanie Chessmore and Kristi Holmes brought a child for the Christmas party. Center: Members having a great time at Fall Conference.

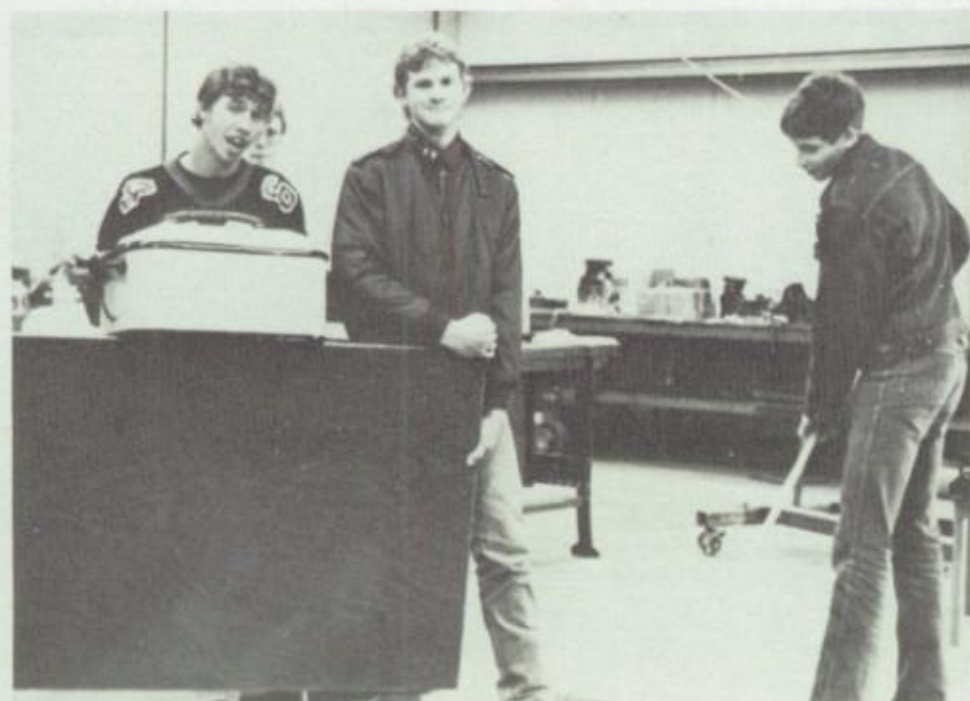
EXCELLENCE MADE IN THE FFA



Atwood Future Farmers of America Chapter was very active this year. The 22 members were led by President Jeremy Sis and advisor Kurt Dillon in activities such as the annual Lamb Fry, Livestock Judging Contest, Pancake Feed and Fruit Sales.



Front row: Tom Crowdis, Karl Hafer, Daryl Kopriva, Reyce Headley, Mark Conley, and Lyle Dixon. Second row: Chad Samson, Troy Morrell, Brent Ginther, Corey Kastens, and Jeff Vrabas. Back row: Tammy Pitner, Stephanie Chessmore, Melissa Hafer, Darren Kogl, Tim Micek, Nick Siminger, Chris Dirks, President Jeremy Sis, and director Kurt Dillon.



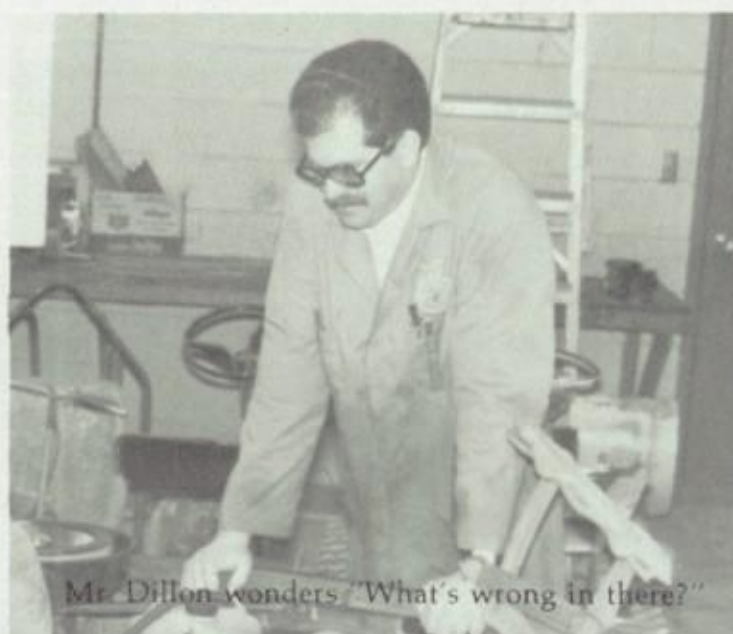
Darren, Nick, and Tim clean up.



Jeremy Sis works on a welding project.



Melissa and Stephanie take time to smile for the camera.



Mr. Dillon wonders "What's wrong in there?"

CHEERLEADERS ACTIVATE NEW SPIRIT



The Cheerleaders job is to initiate school spirit before, during, and after a sports event. The girls this year did a fine job in helping support the athletes in all of the competitions. The cheerleaders enjoyed other activities besides sports competitions. They were: Cheer camp at Hays, the parade held in August and the BLC Special Olympics.

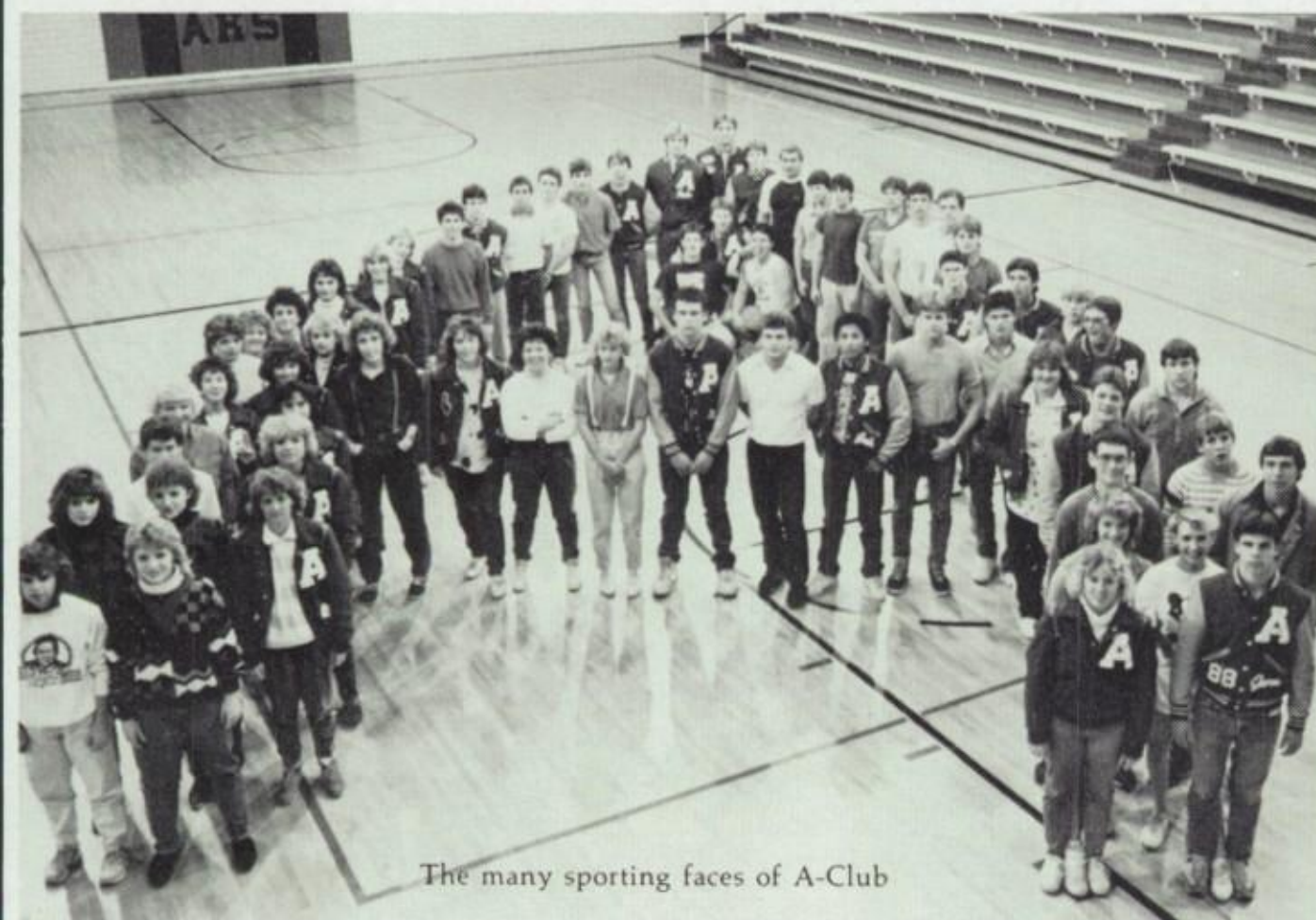


L to R starting with the bottom: Kathy Lewis, Joanna McIntyre, Missy Hayes, Stephanie Vap, Wendy Luedders, Mary Ostmeyer, Amy Berggren, Nadine Miller.

Nadine shows her spirit.



ATHLETES JOIN TOGETHER IN A-CLUB

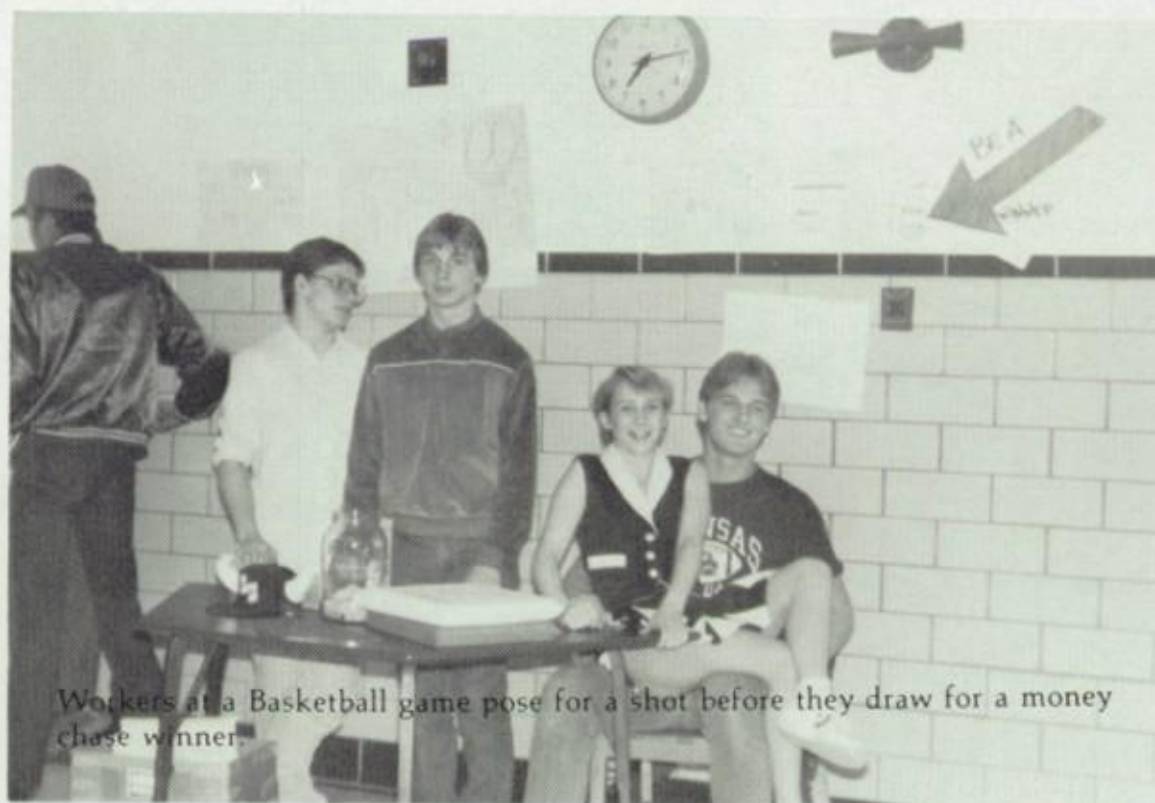


The many sporting faces of A-Club

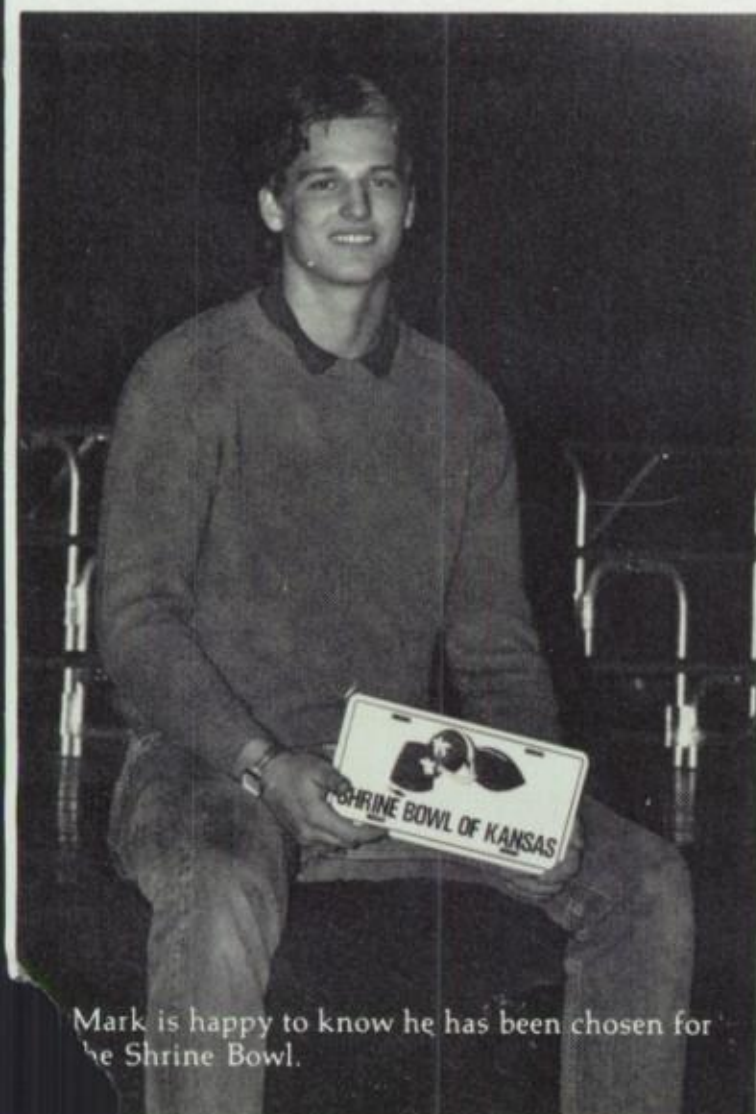


Dan Lankas, A-Club sponsor

A-Club was motivated by new members, and money making activities. A-Club also helped people set athletic goals. Mark Vrbas, a member of A-Club for three years, was chosen to play in the Shrine Bowl in August. Mark has received many awards for his athletic achievements.



Workers at a Basketball game pose for a shot before they draw for a money chase winner.



Mark is happy to know he has been chosen for the Shrine Bowl.



INTRODUCING AN UPLIFTING ORGANIZATION



On top of Homecoming, Christmas BLC Party, and Sweetheart Dance, Student Council sponsored many events with anything from flower grams to bake sales.

Stu-Co was always prepared to work. With the officers President, Cheryl Domsch, Vice-President, Mark Vrbas, Secretary/Treasurer, Terri Roberts (above) they had a very successful year. Stu-Co continued to help sponsor the annual Parent-Teacher Conferences. Cheryl Domsch and Nadine Miller eagerly await the arrival of the parents (below).



Gwen Bell, Mr. Beamgard, sponsor, Amy Bondurant, Brad Rummel, Troy Stice, Bob Emahizer, Ryan Stice, Darren Kogl, James Ruda, Terri Roberts, Cheryl Domsch, Nadine Miller, Kathy Lewis, Mark Vrbas, Mary Ostmeyer, Jeff Glad, Renea Neirmeier, Deanna Philpott, Leslie Pianalto, Eric Pearce, Lyle Dixon. Not pictured Wendy Luedders.



KING OF THE COUNCIL



INDEPENDENT STUDY

Independent Study students strive for success by attending Academic and Computer Bowls, participating in Olympics of the Mind, playing the Stock Market Game, and becoming Future Problem Solvers. The Academic Bowl team has been fairly successful at their various competitions this year. Mrs. Cecelia Allison directs these students in their activities and works hard to keep them going.



Back Row: Joey Matissek, Shayleen Wederski, and Marc Payton. Middle Row: Melanie Dill, Raja Patel, Nadine Miller, Tammy Pitner, Patty Steele, and Celeste Bliss. Front Row: Kyle Domsch, Amy Bondurant, Jennifer Cooper, Amber Hardon, Amy Berggren, Gwen Bell, Terri Roberts, and Troy Stice.

JUNIOR BANK BOARD



The Junior Bank Board is an organization that was established by the State Bank of Atwood. It is open to all Seniors who have maintained a B+ grade point average or higher throughout their first three years of high school. This years mock "bank" was called the Scrooge Savings and No Loan National Bank, and with the help of Joe Kanak III of the State Bank, the members learned about loans, C.D.'s, and many other banking functions. The members are; Gwen Bell, Melissa Williams, Troy Stice, Amy Berggren, Terraca Withington, Joanna McIntyre, Terri Roberts, Amy Bondurant, Jennifer Cooper, Amber Hardon, and Wendy Luedders.

X-COUNTRY GALS DO IT 2 IT



The girls cross country team took a ride to Wamego November 7th, and returned the 8th with a back to back State Championship. Coach Rhonda Argabright took seven girls and one boy to the state meet. All of the competitors did well, but the girls team really did a good job. A state win last year was a special one for the girls, but another win this year proved to be a first for an Atwood team ever. The team victory was enhanced by Debby Ruda who took first individually. Debby is the second girl ever from Atwood to win a State Championship. Joanna McIntyre who placed second this year, won state in 1984.



The smile says it all.



State team with Mike Hayden

BACK TO BACK WINS



Jonas Johannson and Tony Horinek



Rhonda Argabright, Deanna Philpott, Mary Ostmeyer, Shayleen Wederski, Debby Ruda, Amy Bondurant, Jackie McKernan, Bobi Beims, Joanna McIntyre, Melanie Dill, Amy Hill



Senior girls Amy Bondurant and Joanna McIntyre



Debby Ruda, 1985 2A State Champion



Goodland 2nd
Tribune 1st
Scott City 2nd
Oberlin 5th
Atwood 1st
league 1st
State 1st

THE BIG RED CRUNCH BUNCH,

Ends Season With An Exceptional 9-1 Record!



The guys share an intense moment in the locker room.



Coach Lankas is checking out his team.



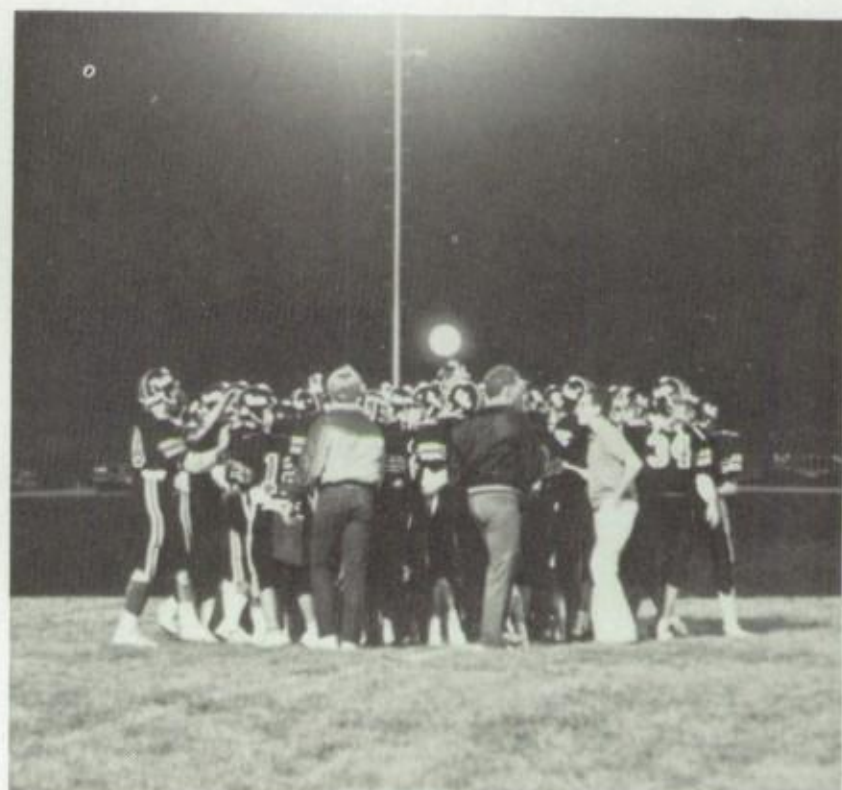
Marc 'Walter' Payton breaks a tackle.

Statistics do not always tell the whole story, but in our case they do. The team averaged 30 points a game, 323 yards rushing, and 93 yards passing. It's obvious that the Buffs were dominate throughout the year.

The football squad consisted of 41 young athletes with one goal in mind ... WINNING! That goal was accomplished nine times throughout the season. The team dreamed of going to state, but then one wintery night, those dreams were shattered. The Buffs were beaten for the first and last time of the season by the Stockton Tigers, for the Bi-District Championship.

People came from miles around to see the 'Big Red Crunch Bunch' do their thing-WIN! The sidelines and stands were always filled with red, white, and black. Knowing they had all that support, the Buffs would fire up and fight for a victory.

Nine young men were elected as All League players — three Seniors, four Juniors, and two Sophomores. These men played excellent ball, and deserve a lot of credit as does the entire football team.



The final preparations.



Blaine 'Wease' Ginther concentrates on the game.

We're coming through!





Kyle Domsch makes a spectacular catch!



24 Colby	8
24 Scott City	13
40 Oak	6
19 Oberlin	6
20 Goddard	6

38 Hoxie	14
38 Dighton	
61 New City	0
27 St. Francis	
7 Stockton	20



FRONT: K. Domsch, M. Payton, S. Raabe, T. Buford, M. Wederski, M. Vrbas, D. Kogl, B. Ginther, T. Stice, J. Ruda.
 SECOND: K. Hafer, B. Reeh, J. Solko, M. Prochazka, R. Green, J. Biera, J. Buck, D. Allacher, J. Matissek, R. Carroll.
 THIRD: J. Fields, K. Fishburn, B. Withington, G. Curry, T. Crowdis, T. Morrell, C. Rockenbach, J. Biera, D. Horinek, B. Rummel, B. Bliss. FOURTH: G. Taylor, M. Doty, B. Glad, C. Castens, M. Studer, T. Dewey, J. Vrbas, R. Headley, B.D. Horton, E. Pearce, C. Sramek, Lankas, Terry, Poling, Woody.



All League players.



Senior Players.



VOLLEYBALL HAS STRIKING YEAR



The Atwood High Volleyball girls ended their season 4-19. The season started with wins over Cheylin and Herndon in a Triangular at home. Hill City and Burlington were later wins for the team. The girls played their best match against LaCrosse at Sub-State in Oakley. The Girls played well and played as a team. The team had many tough times, but they never gave up!! The score never seemed to show how they really played, but in their hearts they knew they were WINNERS!!



Coach Hankins telling his view on volleyball and America.

Anxious fans, players, and bench wait for Darcy Kraft to set up Stephanie Vap for a slammer.



Coach Bolt and Renea Niermeier hope and pray for a spike.



Senior Players: Darcy Kraft, Jennifer Cooper, Terri Roberts, and Gwen Bell.



Right: Stephanie Vap and Missy Hayes blocking on the net.

Left: Freshman girls share their emotions and frustrations on Volleyball.



Back row: Coach Bolt, T. Knapp, K. Lewis, K. Ruda, L. Ruda, C. Harmon, L. Henry, N. Miller. Second row: Coach Hankins, R. Ruda, R. Niermeier, S. Tolman, S. Vap, T. Kleinschmidt, D. Organ, M. Hayes. First row: A. Dillinger, K. Horinek, S. Hull, K. Howland, L. Curtain, D. Heble, S. Miller. Kneeling: G. Bell, J. Cooper, T. Roberts, D. Kraft.

THIRD TIME IS A CHARM.

Lady Buffs Go To State.



Left to right: Coach John Terry, Shayleen Wederski, Renea Neirmeier, Missy Hayes, Becky Carlson, Terri Roberts, Amy Bondurant, Stephanie Vap, Danielle Organ, Lisa Curtin, Cathy Howland, Kathy Ruda, Asst. Coach Corey Roy, Not pictured: Dana Heble, Jr. Varsity team members who are not pictured include: Celeste Bliss, Deanna Philpott, Lynne Henry, Jackie McKernan, and Angie Dillinger.

Finally, after being Sub-State runner-up for two years the Lady Buffs went to state. The last time the girl's team went to state was six years ago.

Although the season is full of ups and downs, the record shows more wins than losses. The final record was 15-8, with several of the eight losses being close games.

The team became very close during the season. Throughout all of the games, the goal of winning united them. This was very evident through the Sub-State tournament and the trip to State basketball in Topeka.

Losing only two starters to graduation, the Lady Buffs will return at full force next year.



Amy Bondurant and Terri Roberts were the only seniors on this year's squad.

49	Northern Valley	41
37	Grinnell	21
43	Oberlin	44
46	St. Francis	42
39	Benkelman, NB	47
55	Cheylin	52
47	Oberlin	35
62	St. Francis	44
45	Goodland	64
39	Cheylin	52
38	Oberlin	44
50	St. Francis	30
50	Hoxie	48
50	Oberlin	45
43	Hoxie	29
43	Oakley	44
59	St. Francis	56
54	Norton	48
46	Colby	70
	Sub-State	
39	St. Francis	38
51	Sharon Springs	36
33	Stockton	32
	State	
32	S W Heights	48



Coach Roy gives instructions to team members Organ and Henry.



The faces of coaches and team members show how important the game is.



Left: Defense is the name of the game. Below right: The tip off starts the game against Southwestern Heights.



Amy Bondurant and Stephanie Vap were selected to NWKL first team and All-Area 2A-3A Honorable Mention. Steph was selected as Honorable Mention 2A All-State. Amy was voted Most Inspirational and Most Valuable player by her teammates.



Below left: Kathy Ruda drives the ball downcourt as Jackie McKernan looks for the ball. Below right: Lisa Curtin shoots a freethrow at a crucial point in the game.



YOUNG TEAM HAS ROUGH SEASON.



Sportmanship is important.



Shem starts the game.



Blaine shoots the bonus shot.

Brendon looks for the open shot.

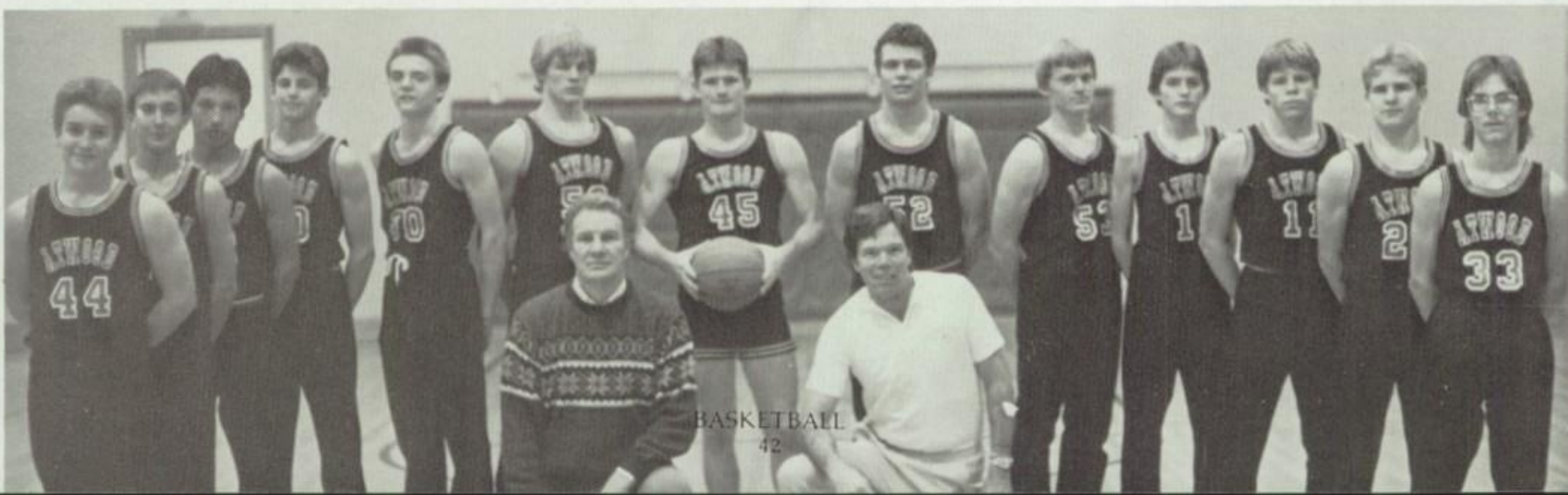
Chris Stramek, Brad Pfortmiller, Jamie Biera, B.D. Horton, Brendon Glad, Shem Raabe, Blaine Ginther, Mike Wederski, Corey Kastens, Jeff Glad, Kyle Domsch, Eric Pearce, Jonas Johansson, Coaches: D. Raabe, T. Poling



Though the outcomes did not reflect it, our young team made notable improvements throughout the course of the year. Youth and inexperience combined with an occasional lack of poise made it tough at times for our Buffs. It was apparent that it was not the best of years, but there were numerous high points. Combined statistics revealed the truth about our team. Our field goal percentage improved by just ten percent, would have resulted in a considerably better record.

Another stat that looked promising was the Buffs rebounding. The Buffs could rebound with the best of them and ended up a mere four rebounds behind our opponents on the year.

Anybody that followed the Buffs this year knows that they lost a number of games by less than six points. These Buffs lost several heartbreakers.





'The boys have learned a lot this year and the experienced gained will help in coming seasons.' Coach Dave Raabe

Seniors provide experience.



Kyle is on guard.



Mike hustles on defense.

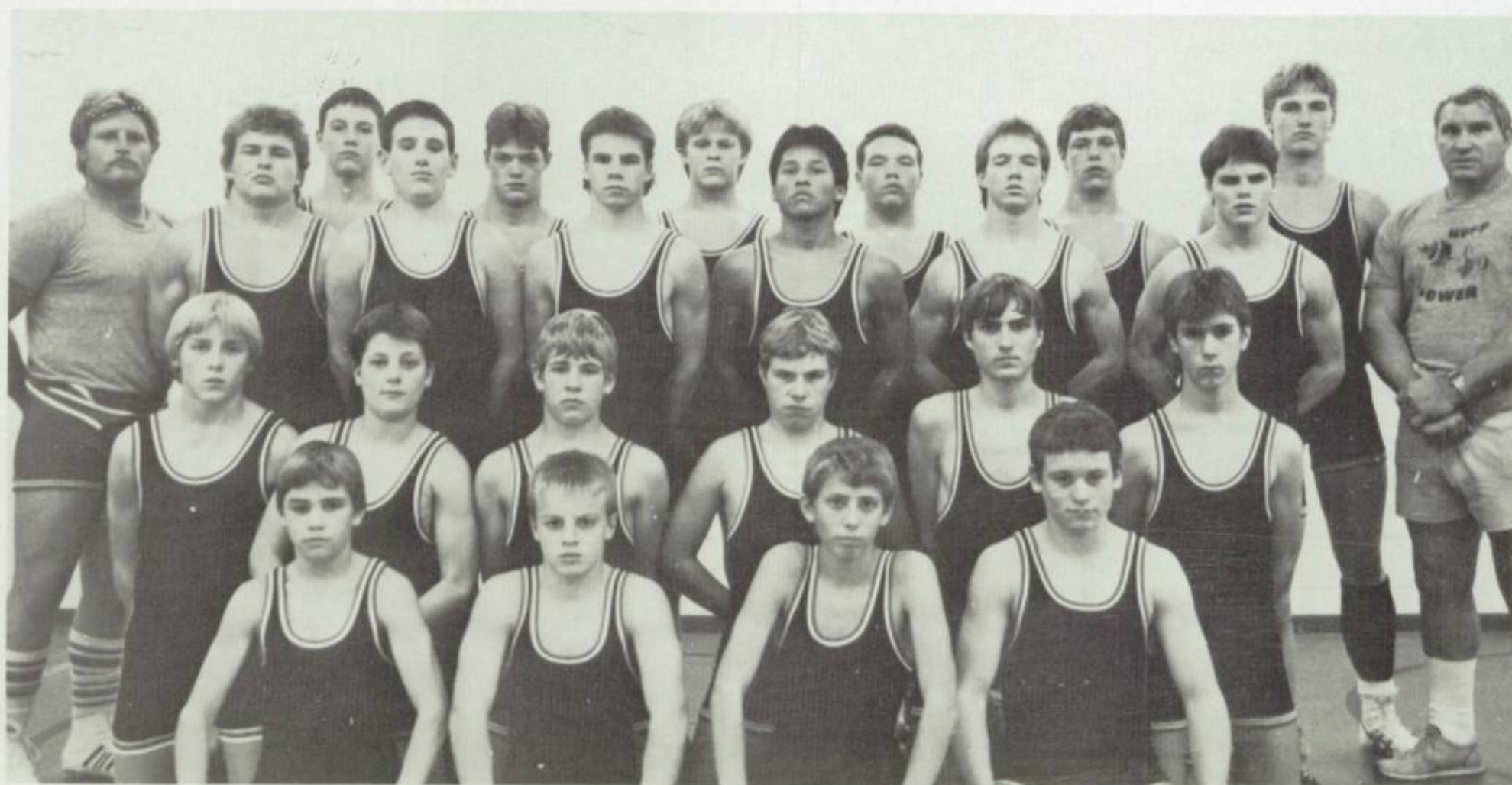


Jamie and Chris gain experience on Jr. Varsity.

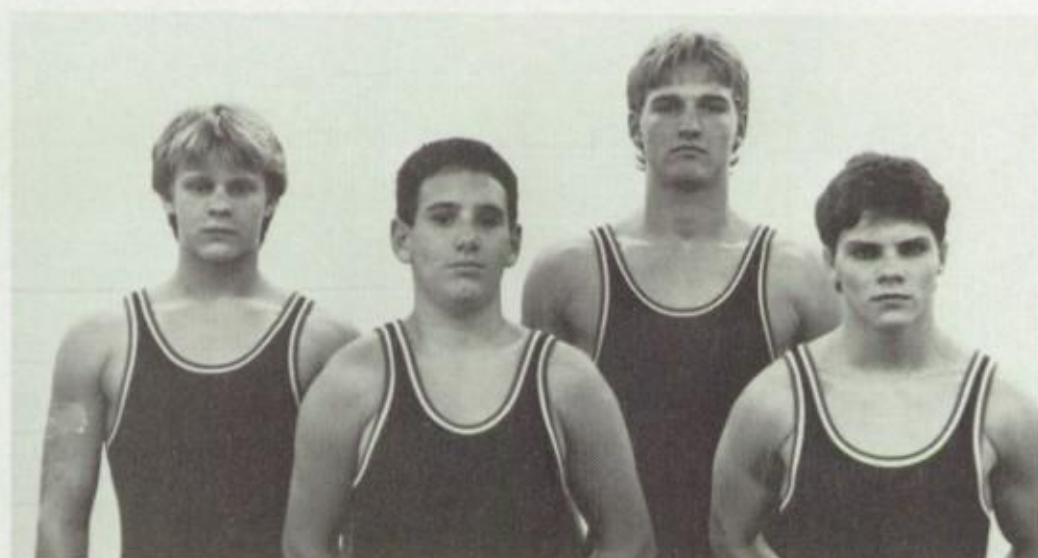


Northern Valley 69	39	50	Oakley 60	Cheylin 58	55	40	Grinnell 41
Grinnell 49	37	48	St. Francis 57	Oberlin 51	40	56	Sharon Springs 69
Cheylin 54	48	33	Norton 54	St. Francis 59	42	38	Hoxie 80
Sharon Springs 73	44	47	Colby 78	Goodland 58	46	46	Oberlin 56
Benkleman 47	42	50	La Crosse 78	Cheylin 43	42	48	Hoxie 69

DISCIPLINE, DEDICATION, DETERMINATION



Back Row: Asst. Coach Steve Woody, Regan Green, Jeff Vrbas, Karla Hafer, Mark Studer, James Ruda, Jochen Sturm, Josh Biera, Breon Bliss, Gene Curry, Troy Morrell, Troy Stice, Mark Vrbas, and Coach Dan Lankas. Middle Row: Ryan Stice, Jeff Doty, Marc Pearce, Jake Fields, Tony Horinek, and Gary Taylor. Front Row: Jeff McIntyre, Kenny Fishburn, Jim Dirks, and Brian Withington.



Seniors show their muscles.



WRESTLING

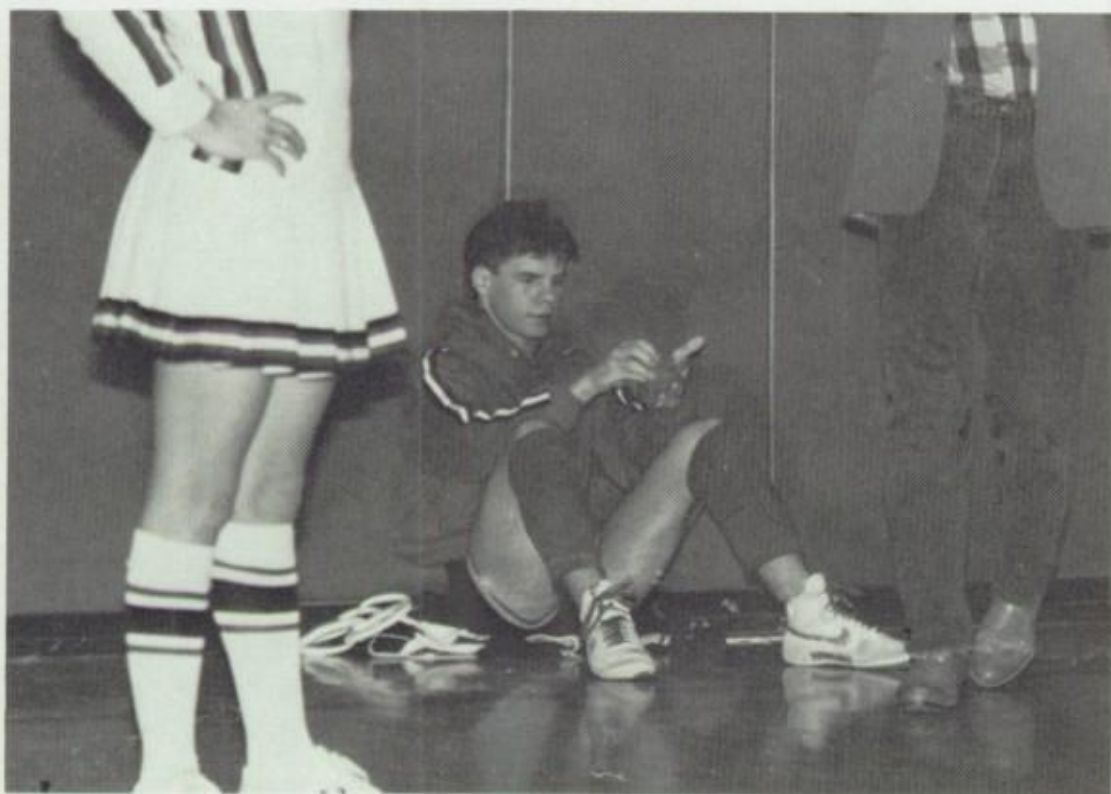
VARSITY

RECORD	NAME	WEIGHT
8- 8	J. McINTYRE	98
5-10	K. FISHBURN	105
0-10	R. DOTY	112
3- 9	T. STICE	119
22- 5	G. CURRY	126
14-9-2	J. RUDA	132
3- 8	B. GINTHER	138
8- 4	M. PAYTON	145
18-7-1	R. GREEN	155
8- 7	J. STURM	167
5-13	T. MORRELL	185
25- 3	M. VRBAS	HWT

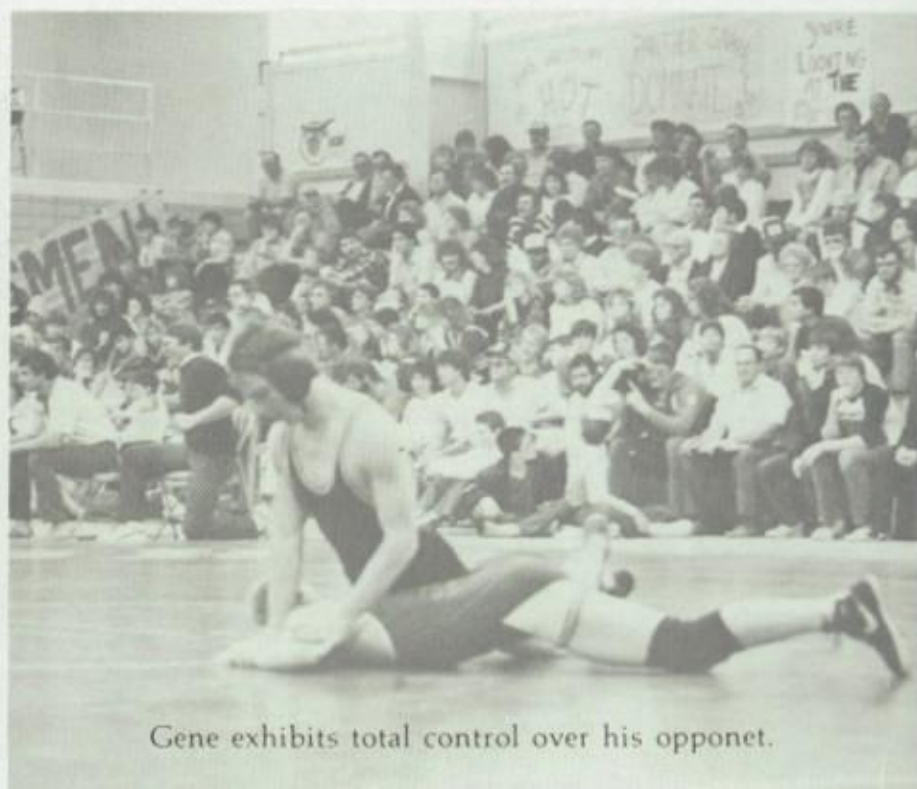
JUNIOR VARSITY

RECORD	NAME
4- 6	J. DIRKS
6- 7	R. STICE
5-10	T. HORINEK
0- 7	G. TAYLOR
4- 2	JOSH BIERA
3-6-1	J. FIELDS
2-11	B. WITHINGTON
7- 4	J. VRBAS
1- 3	K. HAFER
3- 1	T. BUFORD
3- 4	B. BLISS

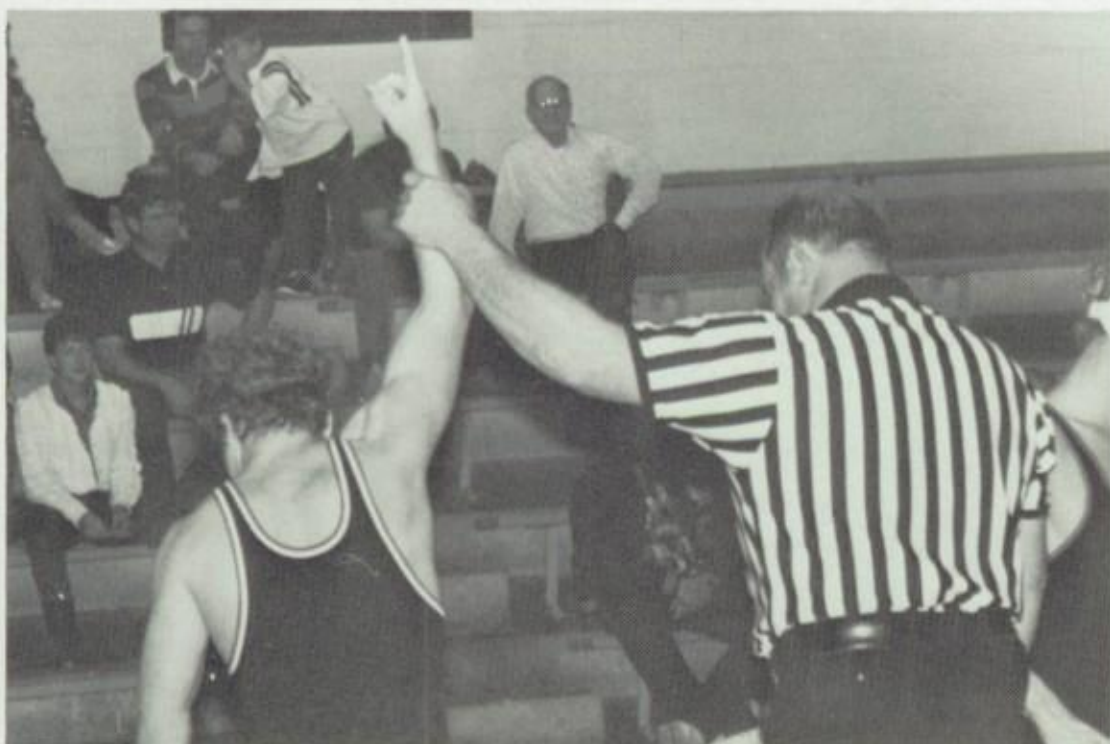
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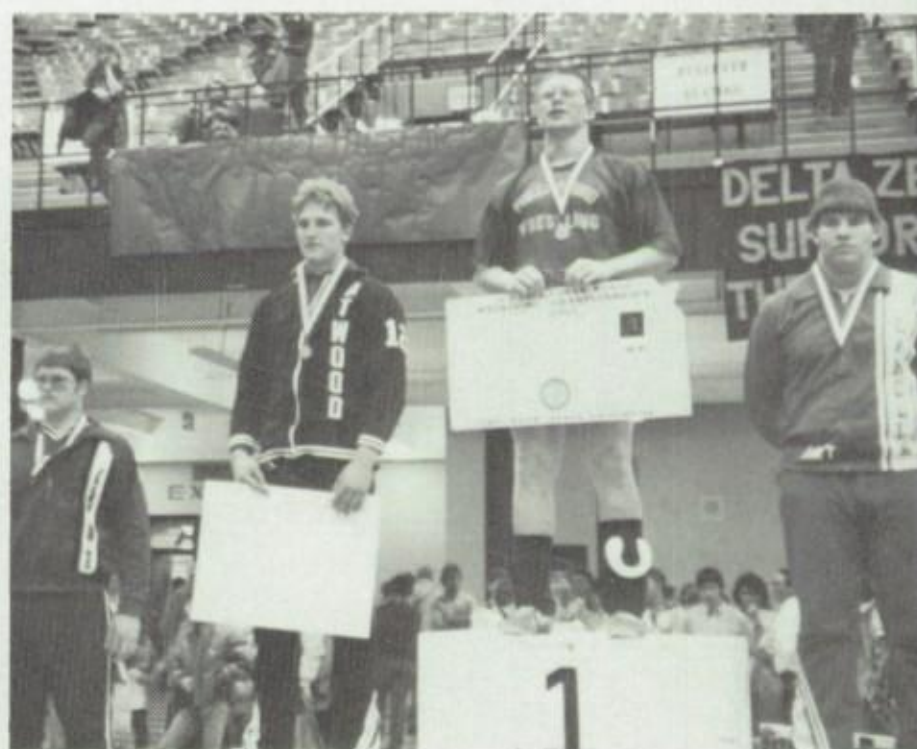
James concentrates on his upcoming match.



Gene exhibits total control over his opponet.



Regan wins his match.



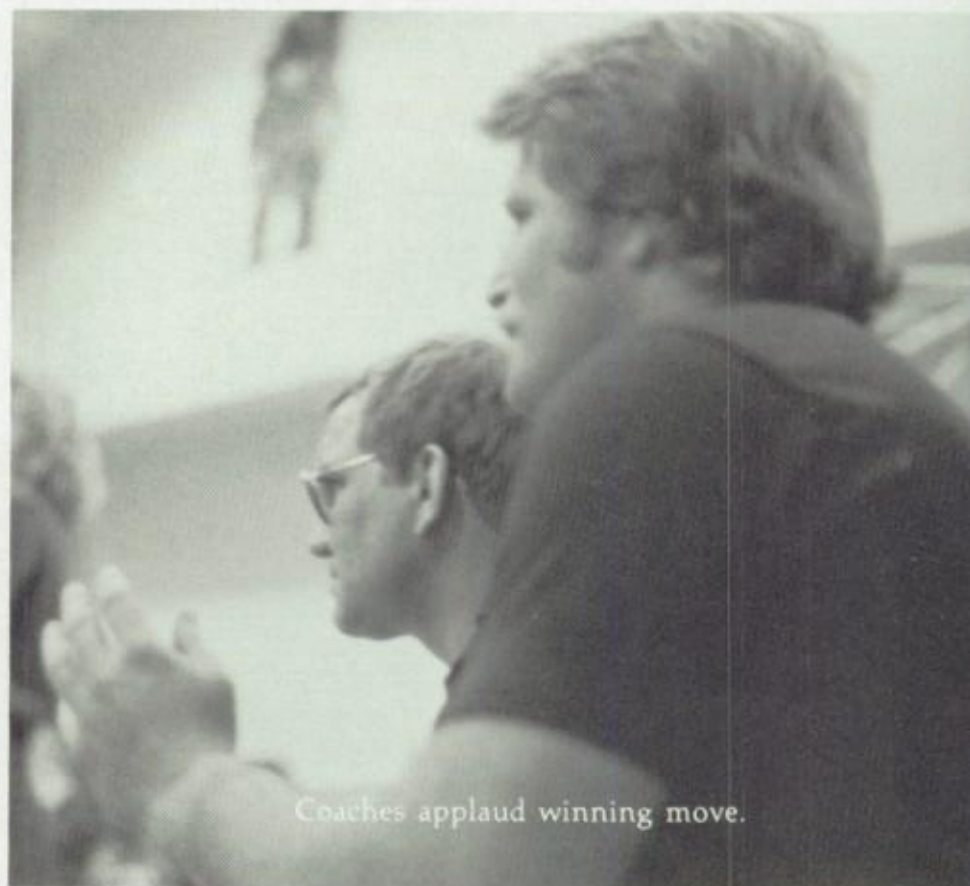
Mark places at State.



The twenty-three grapplers were led by Coaches Dan Lankas and Steve Woody. There were four seniors, and three wrestlers with State experience. These factors, along with the enthusiasm and potential made for a strong nucleus.

The team's final winnings for the regular season were 4-3. Mark Vrbas, James Ruda, Regan Green and Gene Curry qualified for State. Vrbas placed second and Curry Third.

All wrestlers practiced the four D's. They consist of: DISCIPLINE, DETERMINATION, DEDICATION, and DESIRE. With all of the team and individual spirit and hard work, it was a successful year.



Coaches applaud winning move.

TALENT AND TECHNIQUE

Moves Small Team To The Top

Coach Rhonda Argabright comments: 'The Atwood Girls Track team is the smallest squad in several years, but one of the most talented. The girls set 4 new school records in the 1986-1987 season, which included the following: High hurdles by Tammi Knapp, one mile by Debby Ruda, 440 yd. relay by Mandy Roesch, Debby Ruda, Becky Carlson, and Stephanie Vap, and Becky Carlson established the new javelin record.

The girls best team showing at this time before regional occurred at the St. Francis Invitational on April 28th. They scored 88 points to receive the first place trophy ahead of Hoxie who scored 70 points. The team pulled together nicely to achieve the win.

The 13 girls that are out for track should be commended for their dedication and good-spirited workouts. They are very enjoyable to work with and have seen much improvement throughout the season."

Coach Corey Roy comments: 'Track practice started with 20 boys participating in the spring sport. From the first meet to league, the boys performed well. New school records were set by individuals: Marc Payton and Shem Raabe.

I was pleased with how the boys performed at meets. We competed very well against larger schools. Hopefully next year we can get as many athletes out for track. We can be very competitive at all the meets with a good turnout of individuals next year.'

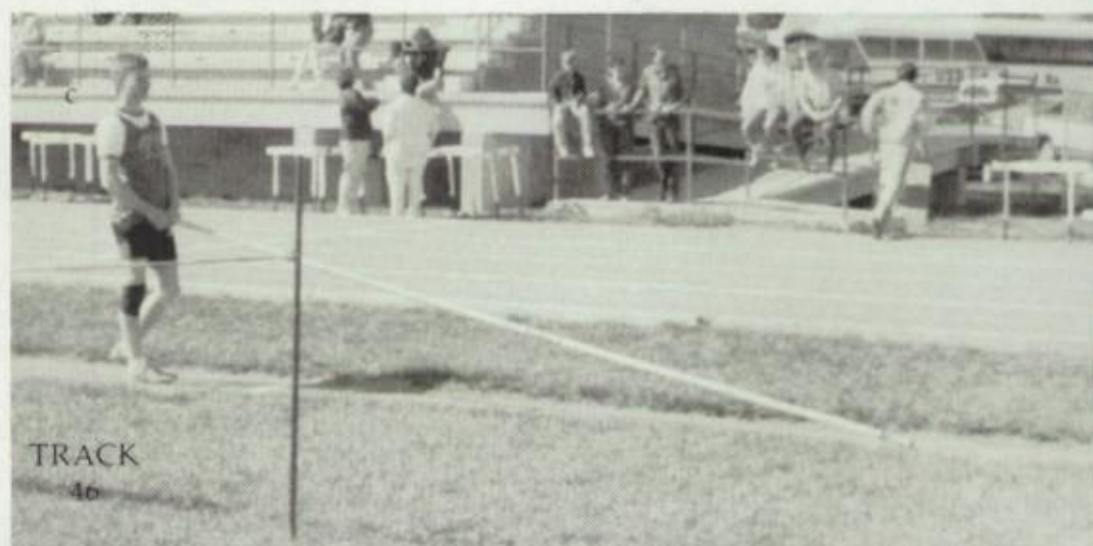
a. Jonas displays his running technique. b. Although Girl's javelin was a new event, Becky consistently placed all season. c. Marc mentally prepares to vault over the bar. d. James soars through the air over the long jump pit.



Back-left to right: Jonas Johansson, B.D. Horton, Anthony Horinek, Mark Studer. Middle: James Solko, Mike Wederski, James Ruda, Mark Vrbas, Marc Payton, Shem Raabe, Jochen Sturm, Jeff Vrbas. Front: Robert Skeers, Eric Pearce, Brendon Glad, Leonard Reeh, Troy Morrell. Not pictured: Jonathan Pancake, Tracy Buford, George Pianalto, Jeff Buck.



Back-left to right: Mary Ostmeier, Celeste Bliss, Becky Carlson, Shayleen Wederski. Middle: Jackie McKernan, Tammi Knapp, Mandy Roesch, Stephanie Vap, Amy Hill. Front: Debby Ruda, Joanna McIntyre, Amy Berggren. Not pictured: Melanie Dill.





Left: Joanna shows her endurance.



James Solko accepts the baton from Anthony Horinek.



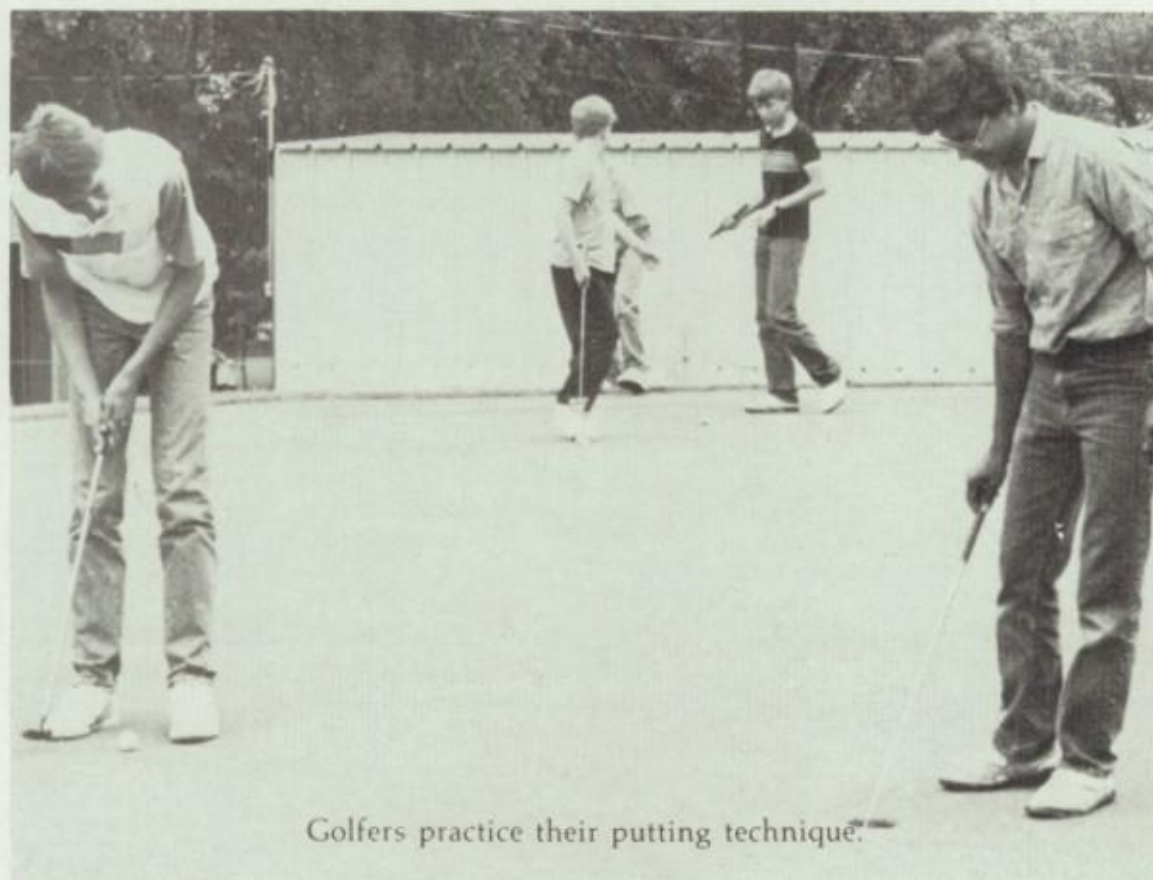
Shayleen Wederski sprints in the last lap.



Melissa Williams and Wendy Luedders were the managers for this year.



GOLFERS HAVE SWINGING TIME.



Golfers practice their putting technique.

The Season got off to a wet start, as the course recovered from eighteen inches of snow. With one day of practice, the team traveled to Benkelmen Neb. to start the regular season. Improvements were made, but the golfers could not play well at the same time. James Dirks, a freshman on the team, commented "We tried, but our efforts did not always pan out." Coach Bliss commented that "The team is young and with experience they should much improve."



Brad tees off as Marc watches on.



Close, but not close enough.



Coach Bliss watches his team.



Back Row: Tom Dewey, Marc Prochazka, Tom Crowdis, Jeff Glad, Daryl Kowalva, Brad Pforimiller Front Row: Jim Dirks, Leslie Piantolo, Gwen Bell, Bobi Beims, Raja Patel, Jeff McIntyre Not Pictured: Nadine Miller, Chris Dirks, Lyle Dixon, Jake Fields

Memories



For all of us, much of life is routine. We get up in the morning. We dress and have breakfast. We go to school. We go to practice. We go home and do homework. We go to bed. It is much the same round, day after day. There are a few accents-A football game, a Valentine's dance, an occasional big event-a sub-state championship game, a prom, or graduation. Now and then, we may be especially happy or especially sad. But most of the time, our feelings at Atwood High School are those of true friendship.



Aliens, Dress Up, Out Of Style

DANGER ADDS SPIRIT

The 1986-87 Homecoming game and dance was held at Atwood High, October 3 and 4. Stu-co put together a Spirit Week where Monday was Alien Day and Tuesday was Dress-Up Day. Out of Style Day was Wednesday and Thursday was Sex Change Day. Finally, Friday was designated as red, white, and black Day.

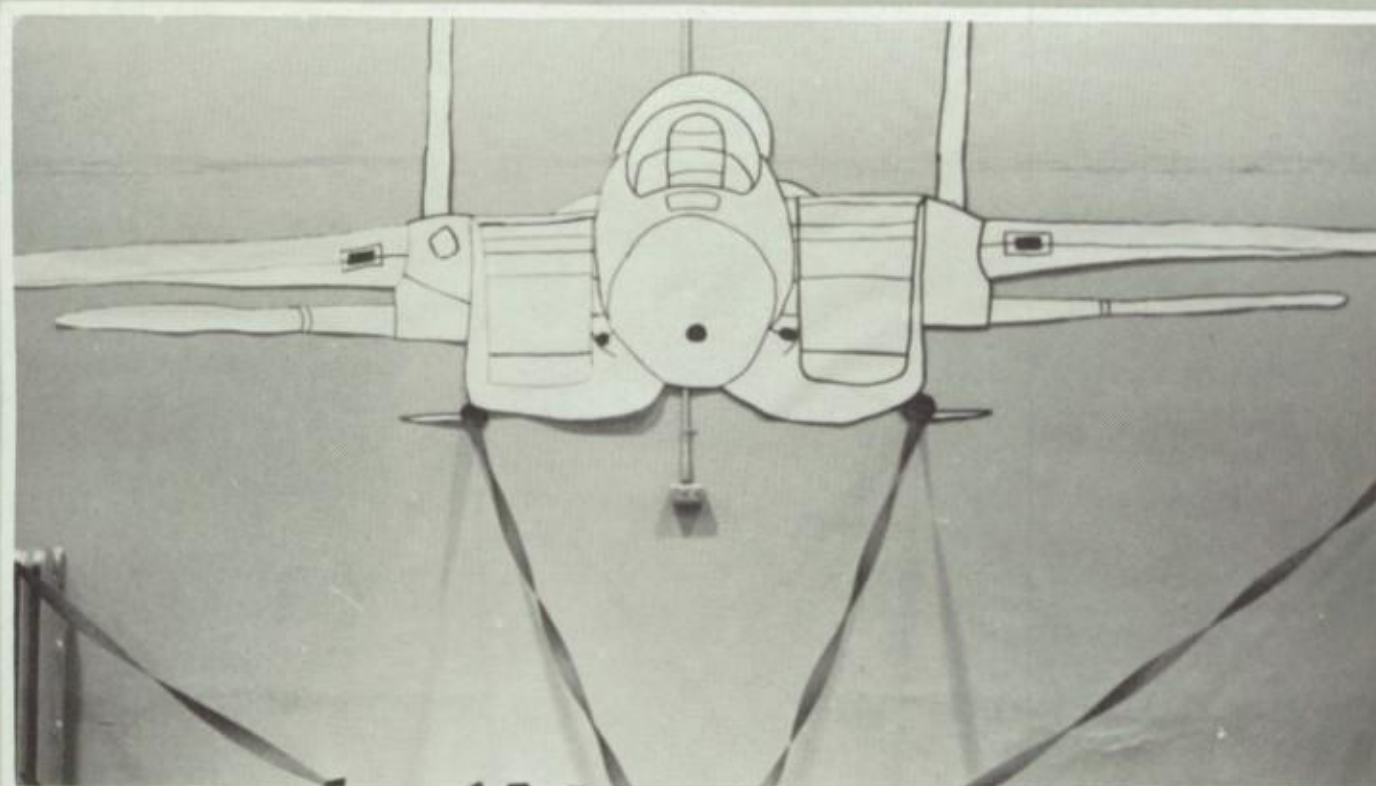
"Danger Zone" was the theme. Each class had colors selected by Stu-co for decorating their hall and wall in the auditorium. Freshman colors were brown and orange, sophomore colors were purple and gray, the juniors were blue and yellow, and the seniors had the traditional red, white, and black. On October 3, the halls and walls were judged by selected citizens from the community. The class that won received money towards the class funds.

The public was invited to the annual bonfire, which was held at the Atwood High School at 7:30 on October 2. Afterwards they then could wander through the halls to look at the Homecoming decorations.

Starting at 7:30 Oct. 3, the Mighty Buffs played against the Oberlin Red-Devils. During halftime, the Homecoming King and Queen were crowned. Candidates for King were: Mark Vrbas, Kyle Domsch, and Blaine Ginther. Queen candidates were: Darcy Kraft, Wendy Luedders, and Terri Roberts. Attendants were Hannah Gatlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gatlin, and Robbie Hankins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hankins. On Saturday night, October 4, Scotland Yard, out of Wakeeney, provided the music for the Homecoming dance.

The Seniors took first overall in the decorating contest. Juniors placed second overall; sophomores took the third place. Darcy Kraft was crowned Queen, while Kyle Domsch was crowned King.

- a. Seniors placed first overall on decorations.
- b. Robbie Hankins, Dick Williams, and Hannah Gatlin prepare to crown the queen.
- c. King Kyle Domsch and Queen Darcy Kraft pose at the dance.
- d. Candidates for King and Queen were: from left back-Kyle Domsch, Blaine Ginther, Mark Vrbas, Wendy Luedders, Darcy Kraft, and Terri Roberts.
- e. Those dressing-up for the day were (back) Darla Phelps, Melissa Palmer, Regan Green, Melissa Williams, Tim Micek, Brad Rummel, Kathy Lewis, Bill Beamgard, Shayleen Wederski, Tammy Pitner, and Gary Taylor.
- f. Stephanie Vap, Nadine Miller, Danielle Organ, Kathy Lewis, and Shem Raabe dress for "Out-of-Style Day".
- g. The Freshman wall in the auditorium placed second.
- h. Celeste Bliss shows spirit while decorating in the Junior hall.
- i. Thursday night after the bonfire, pepsters rode downtown and cheered in preparation for the big game Friday night.





'PRESENTING 'GHOST WORE WHITE' AND 'OLD FASHIONED SOAP OPERA'.



A few of the girls look for 'ghost-like' objects.

'An Old-Fashioned Soap Opera' was a pun-filled play. Suddenly Doorite had to save Prell Purheart from Dirty Dan Dingethorpe. Dirty Dan had plans to get rid of Prell so her father would not make any soap. It was full of audience participation.

The Conwell family was just about to move into their new house. Unfortunately their late uncle's home was haunted.

Jenny Conwell set out with the help of Mandy, to catch the ghost. The traps turned out the late uncle's lawyer. He was trying to scare the family off, in order to find some incriminating papers.



Rose and Robin 'make-up' Patty.



Patty as the Lady in White.



Kristi and Christi take a break.



Mandy the maid introduces herself to Jochen Sturm.



Kathy ponders her actions as an eccentric maid.



Nadine and Mrs. Brown ask Jeff not to 'break a leg'.



Back row: Brad Pfortmiller, James Ruda, David Allacher, Danielle Organ, Marc Payton, Becky Carlson, Joey Matissek, Regan Green, Michelle Adams, Karla McFee, Christi Collins. Second row: Cheryl Jackson, Rose Micek, Robin Ruda, Brad Reeh, Jeremy Sis, James Solko. Front row: Mrs. Pam Brown, Patty Steele, Tammy Pitner, Nadine Miller, Stephanie Vap, Marc Prochazka, Jeff Buck, Kathy Lewis, Celeste Bliss, Kristi Holmes.



Marc Payton as Dirty Dan

'THE GHOST WORE WHITE'

James Reynolds, Lawyer	Marc Prochazka
Edna Conwell, Widow and Mother	Stephanie Vap
Jennie Conwell, Troublemaker, age 14	Nadine Miller
Charlotte Conwell, Daughter, age 17	Celeste Bliss
Junior Conwell, Mama's Baby, age 12	Jeff Buck
Mandy, A Negro Maid	Tammy Pitner
The Lady In White	Patty Steele
Mrs. Mason, A very old, senile woman	Kathy Lewis

'AN OLD FASHIONED SOAP OPERA'

Narrator	Christi Collins
Prell Pureheart, Our Heorine	Michelle Adams
Sudsy Doorite, Our Hero	Regan Green
Herbal ('Pa') Pureheart, Inventor	Joey Matissek
Dove ('Ma') Pureheart, Pa's Helper	Karla McFee
Borax Karlof, Janitor	James Ruda
Spic, Local Yokel	David Allacher
Span, Local Yokel	Brad Pfortmiller
Bubbles, Saloon Girl	Danielle Organ
Olive Tegrin, An ugly, old witch	Becky Carlson
Dirty Dan Dinglethorpe, The Villian	Marc Payton
Director	Mrs. Pam Brown
Student Director	Kristi Holmes
Props	Brad Reeh
	Jeremy Sis
	James Solko
Sound	James Solko



Michelle blows bubbles while Karla and Joey pray at the supper table.



James and Brad, 'The Rebels'



Dave and Brad read the paper and gossip.

CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS

When most people hear the word, 'Christmas', they think of a tree, but there are other events. Two of these at Atwood High were a FHA Christmas party and a Stu-co Christmas party.

Lindsay Cooper played the part of 'Santa Claus' for the FHA Christmas party. Each FHA'er invited a child age three to five. Everyone had treats and 'Santa' gave coloring books to the children.

Stu-co members each drew some names of the Beamgard Learning Center students and bought those people a present. At the Stu-co Christmas party, Stu-co members and BLC students played games. They then received their presents.



- a. Dustin Sloan shows off his gift while Jeremiah Wilson looks on in excitement.
- b. Renea Neirmeier and Mary Ostmeyer help Danny Clark clean up after the party.
- c. Cheryl Domsch explains a game.
- d. Cheryl Domsch opens the popcorn present the BLC students gave to Stu-co.
- e. Mathew Withington tells Santa his wishes.
- f. FHA sold this gingerbread house along with other Christmas treats for profit.
- g. Everyone watches Santa intently.
- h. Gwen Bell listens as her 'buddy' tells Santa her wishes.



KING AND QUEEN REIGN

At Sweetheart Dance.



On February 14, 1987, Jochen Sturm and Wendy Luedders reigned as Sweetheart King and Queen. Other candidates were Jennifer Cooper, Blaine Ginther, Joanna McIntyre, Mark Vrbas, Cheryl Domsch, and Mike Wederski. Music was provided by Music Castle Entertainment. The event was sponsored by Student Council.

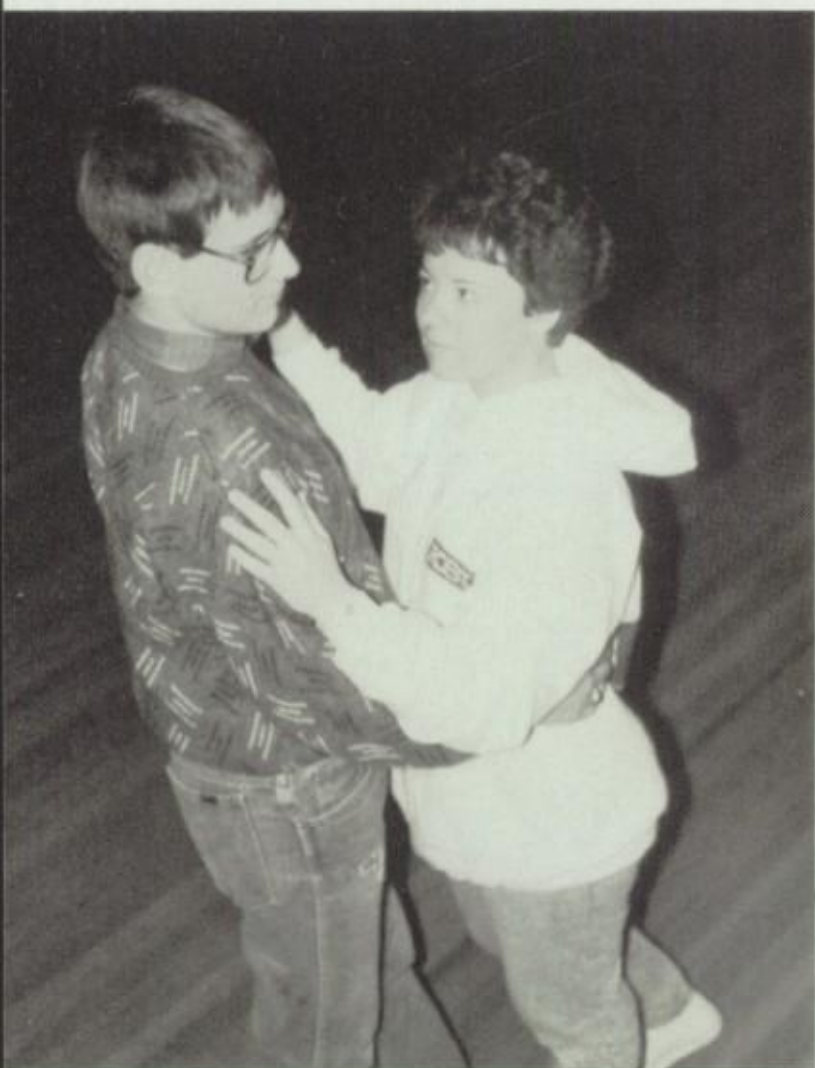


(a) Wendy Luedders, Jochen Sturm, Amy Bondurant, and Kyle Domsch dance the night away. (b) Mike Wederski wishes Cathy Howland a Happy

Valentine's Day. (c) A break in the excitement. (d) After Jochen received a gold key chain, Amy Bondurant and Troy Stice present Wendy with a heart necklace. (e) James Ruda, Melissa Williams, Michelle Adams, Brad Rummel, Troy Stice, Kathy Ruda, Mary Ostmeyer, and Jeff Buck pose at the dance.



THE DANCERS PRACTICE ...



Karl and Gwen dance the night away at rehearsal.



The performers were: Director Pam Brown, Amber Hardon, Kyle Domsch, Tim Micek, Gwen Bell, Karl Hafer, Melissa Williams, Terraca Withington, Amy Bondurant, and Amy Berggren.



Melissa and Tim practice their lines.



Mrs. Brown wonders, 'Will this ever work out?'



Amy asks, 'Is it my cue yet?'



Gwen supervises Amber in drawing the program cover.



SENIOR PLAY
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Terraca looks over her lines at rehearsal.



Tim displays his grace.

..... THE DANCERS PERFORM.

The Dancers



Waitress	Terraca Withington
Inez Stanley	Gwen Bell
Elizabeth Crews	Amy Berggren
Emily Crews	Amy Bondurant
Herman Stanley	Karl Hafer
Horace	Tim Micek
Mary Catherine Davis	Melissa Williams
Velma	Amber Haddon
Tom Davis	Kyle Domsch
Mrs. Davis	Terraca Withington



Lila, the waitress, discusses her problems with Mary Catherine.



Emily and Elizabeth meet Inez in the soda shop.



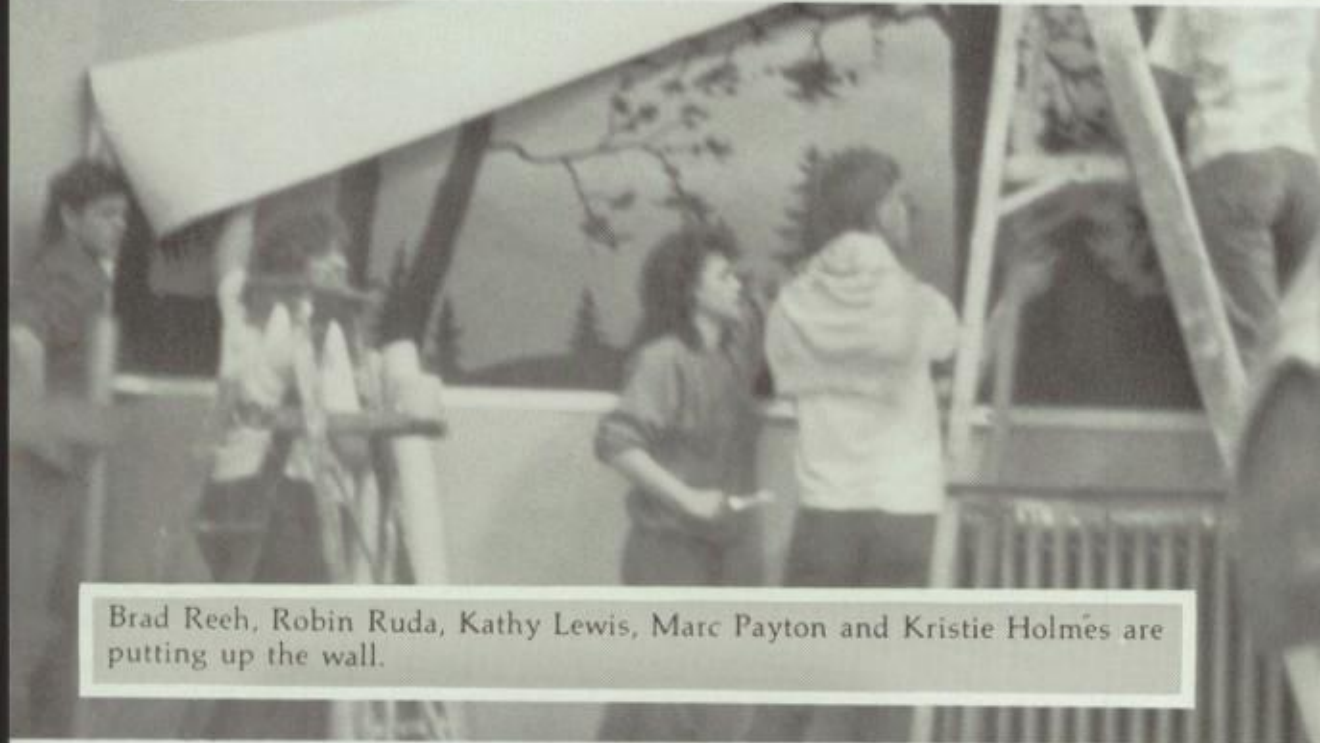
Mary Catherine introduces Horace to her father, Mr. Davis.



Mrs. Pam Brown taught English and Speech from 1985-1987. Outside of the class she directed the Junior and Senior plays and prepared various students for speech contests.



JUNIOR - SENIOR PROM: A NIGHT FOR



Brad Reeh, Robin Ruda, Kathy Lewis, Marc Payton and Kristie Holmes are putting up the wall.



Michelle Adams and Ryan Stice work together on decorating.



George Pianalto, Kathy Lewis and Jeff Buck put the finishing touches on the castle.



Mr. Jim Finn and Mr. Keith Ross supervise the decorating.



Brad Reeh fixes the ceiling.



1986 Queen Amy Bondurant and King Troy Stice promanade with attendants Sarah Green and Nicholas Prochazka.

Mrs. Anna Shaw shows how to make centerpieces from boxes and paper towel rolls.



"YOUR WILDEST DREAMS"

Transformation was the key word found in the auditorium and cafeteria from March 29 through April 3. In spite of outdoor blizzard conditions, juniors and sponsors traveled through eighteen inches of snow to build a Medieval castle and to decorate for the Prom.

On April 4, 1987, the banquet commenced at seven o'clock. The cafeteria was filled with glamorous girls and handsome guys dressed in formal attire. The tables were set for Salisbury steak, green beans, hot rolls, and tossed salad. Shirley Temples and iced tea were served as beverages. An ice cream cake was served as the desert.

With the lights down low, the cafeteria was decorated in chains, shields, and castle paper giving it a Dungeon effect. Tables were decorated with castle centerpieces. Christi Collins gave the Welcome, Kyle Domsch gave the Response and Michelle Adams gave a poem on friendship to start the evening.

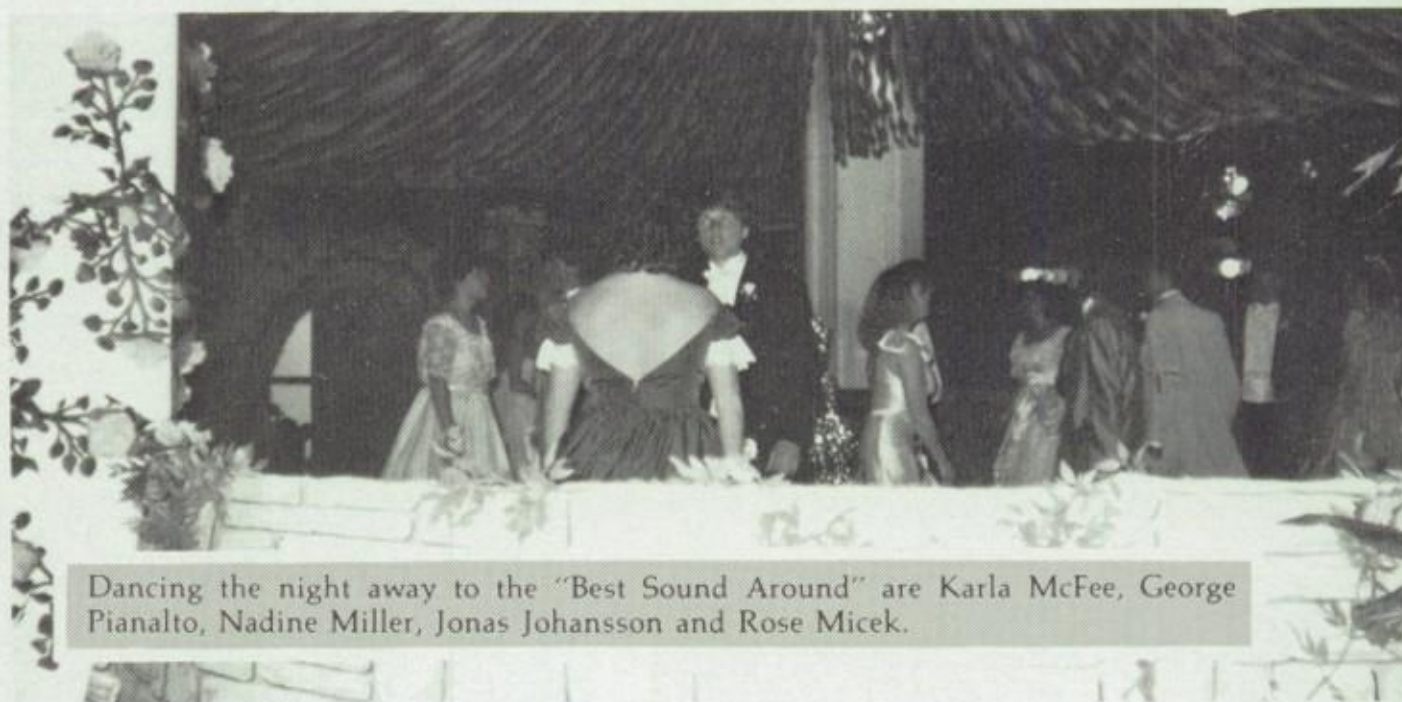
After the banquet, everyone promanaded before a filled gymnasium at 8:15. During the middle of the promanade, Queen Amy Bondurant and King Troy Stice announced the candidates for the new queen and king. As the evening climaxed, it was everything to be expected. It was "YOUR WILDEST DREAMS."



Queen and King candidates are Josh Biera, Becky Carlson, Marc Prochazka, Kathy Lewis, Danielle Organ and Tracy Buford. Queen Kathy Lewis and King Marc Prochazka were crowned to reign over the 1987 Prom.



Sue Ann Miller, Melissa Palmer and Robin Ruda pose for a picture.



Dancing the night away to the "Best Sound Around" are Karla McFee, George Pianalto, Nadine Miller, Jonas Johansson and Rose Micek.



Prom servers in multi-colored Jester outfits are Amy Hill, Jeff McIntyre, Carol Harmon, David Horinek, Debby Ruda, Jamie Biera, Shayleen Wederski and Tom Dewey.

Danielle Organ, Marc Prochazka, Marc Payton, Cristi Collins, Blaine Ginther and Stephanie Vap show everyone how to dance.



"WE GATHERED AS COMPLETE STRANGERS, BUT WE DEPART AS FOREVER FRIENDS."

- TIM MICEK

Graduation was a special day that we all will remember. Everyone was nervous taking that first step down the aisle only to be blinded by about twenty camera flashes.

Valedictorian, Amy Berggren, and Salutatorian, Terri Roberts, each gave a speech about high school in general and about our class motto.

The gymnasium was highlighted with the class colors, black and gold, and yellow roses, the class flower, accented the platform. Following the ceremony, the senior parents held a reception for the graduating seniors.

The day was filled with both joy and sorrow because never again would we be coming back to the hectic work of high school . . . sadness because we were departing. Who knows where we'll be in twenty years, let alone how many people we will ever see again.

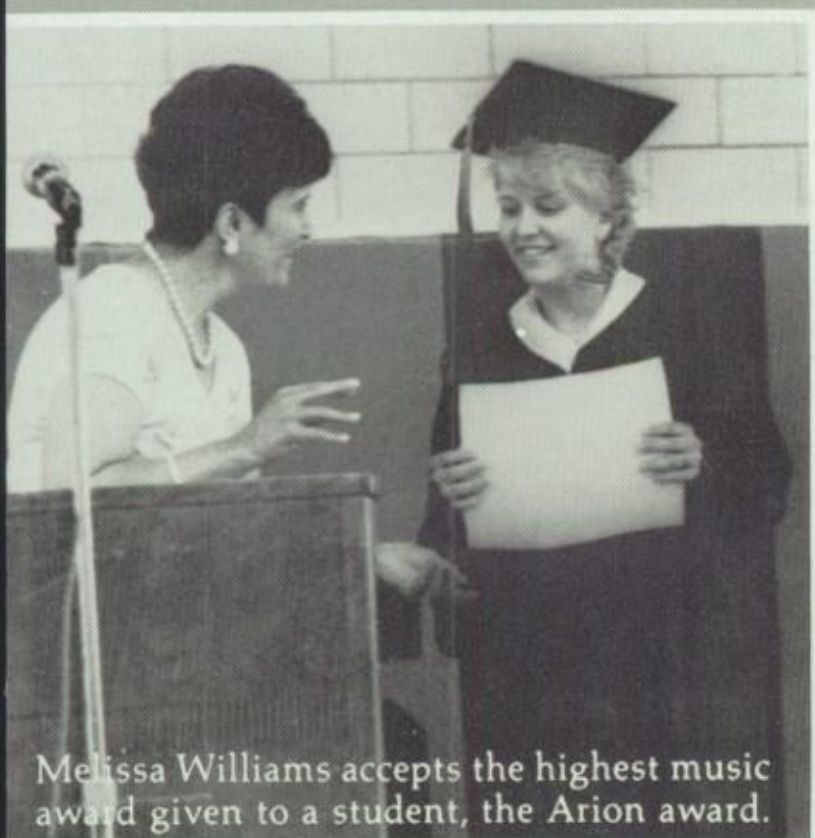
Now we say goodbye and farewell to friends, faculty, classes, sports, organizations, and all of that high school fun.



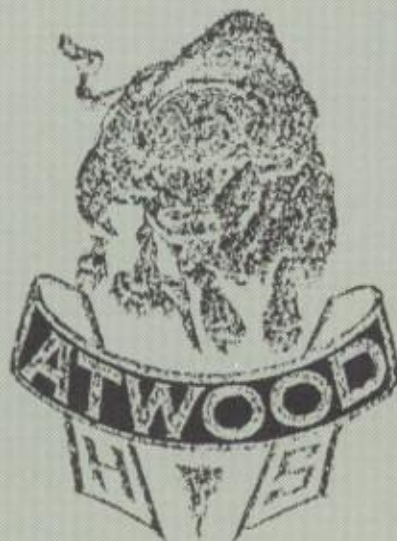
F) Robert Brown escorts Stephanie Chessmore while G) George Pianalto accompanies Terraca Withington from the graduation ceremonies. H) Wendy Luedders receives the KSU Dean's Award for outstanding senior in math and science.



*We grow, we learn, we seek.
But for now, we pause to celebrate.
We, the Class of 1987
of Atwood High School
invite you to share in our joy
at the Commencement Exercises
on Sunday, May 17th, at 3:00 p.m.
in the Atwood High School Gymnasium*



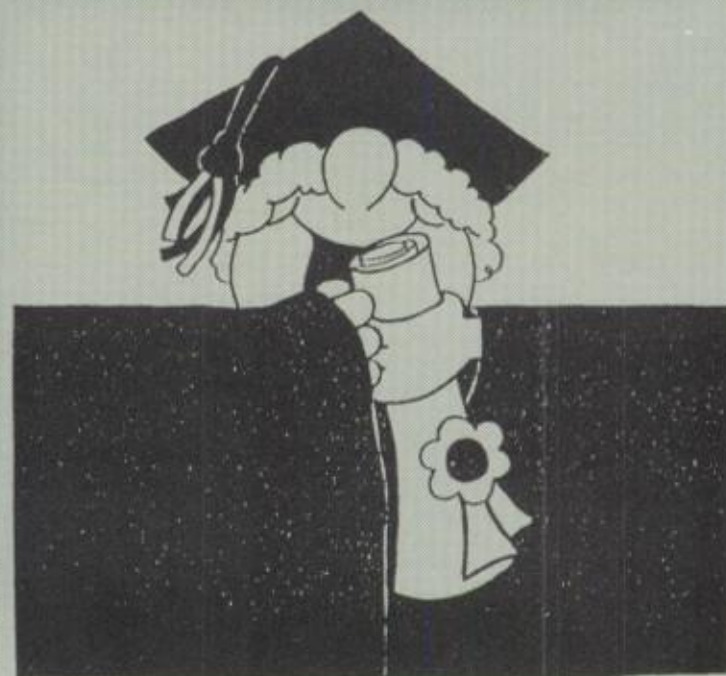
Melissa Williams accepts the highest music award given to a student, the Arion award.



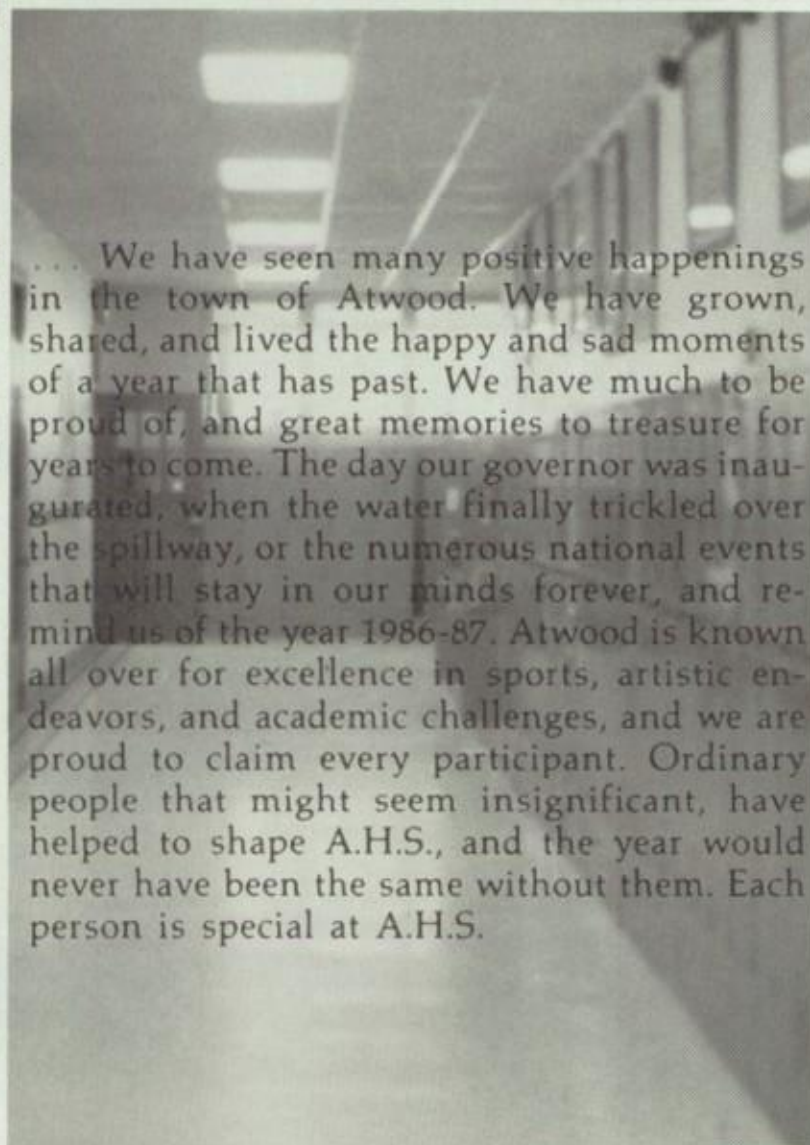
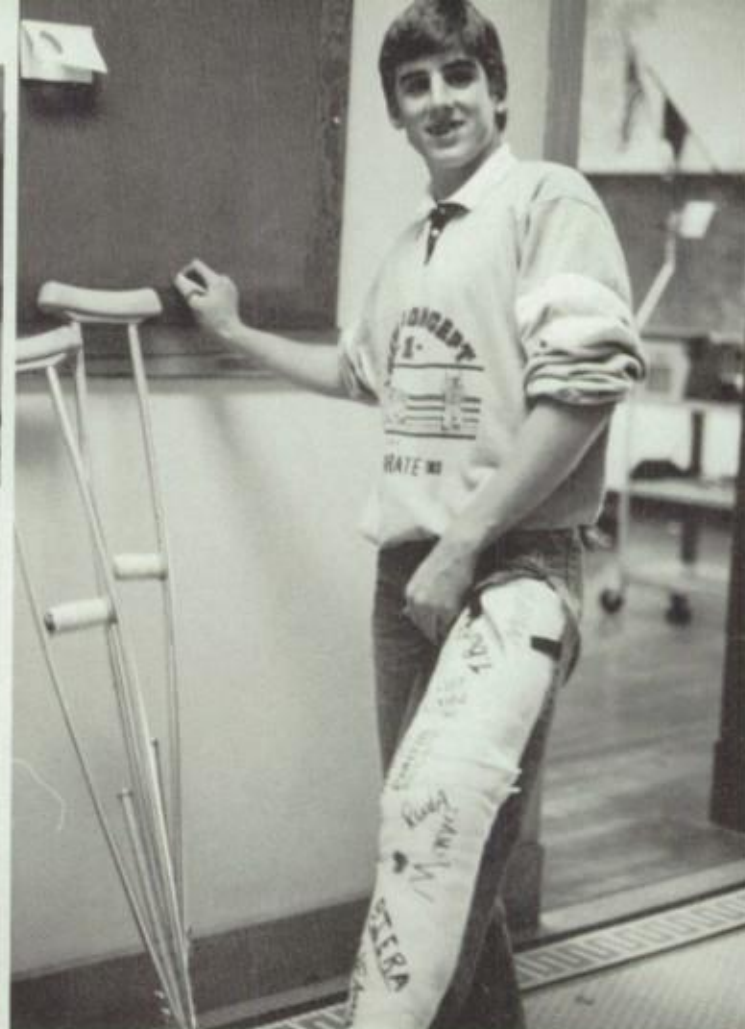
As tradition holds, Junior Robin Ruda helps to say 'good-bye' to Mike Wederski.



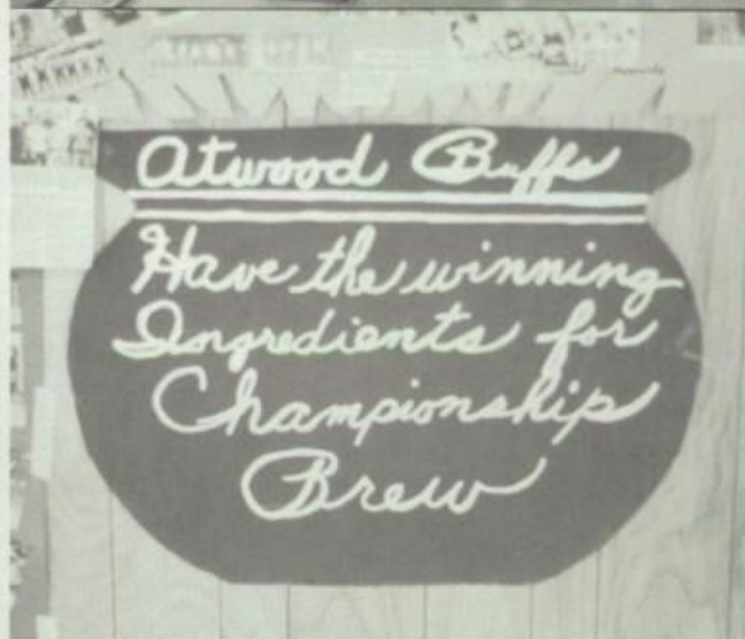
Honor Cord Members



LOOKING BACK . . .



... We have seen many positive happenings in the town of Atwood. We have grown, shared, and lived the happy and sad moments of a year that has past. We have much to be proud of, and great memories to treasure for years to come. The day our governor was inaugurated, when the water finally trickled over the spillway, or the numerous national events that will stay in our minds forever, and remind us of the year 1986-87. Atwood is known all over for excellence in sports, artistic endeavors, and academic challenges, and we are proud to claim every participant. Ordinary people that might seem insignificant, have helped to shape A.H.S., and the year would never have been the same without them. Each person is special at A.H.S.



... LOOKING AHEAD

... and after the big 'storm', we sit back and imagine and put into action of what might happen next year.

RAINBOW CONNECTION

Why are there so many songs about rainbows
And what's on the other side
Rainbows are visions, but only illusions
And rainbows have nothing to hide.

So we've been told and some choose to believe it.
I know they're wrong, wait and see.
Someday we'll find it
The Rainbow Connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me.

Who said that every wish
Would be heard and answered.
When wished upon the morning star.
Somebody thought of that
And someone believed it.
Look what it's done so far.

What's so amazing, that keeps us stargazing
And what do we think we might see
Someday we'll find it
The Rainbow Connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me.

All of us under the sun
We know that it's probably magic.
Have you been half asleep
And have you heard voices
I've heard them calling my name
Is it the sweet sound
That calls the young sailors
The voice might be one and the same.

I've heard it too many times to ignore it
It's something I'm supposed to be
Someday we'll find it
The Rainbow Connection
The lovers, the dreamers, and me.



Mr. Jim Finn is thinking about being principal.



Stu-Co Vice Pres.- Jeff Buck, Pres.-Nadine Miller, and Secr./Treas.-Kathy Lewis.



Flagline, under direction of Melanie Currier, try out.



The cheerleaders are: Kathy Ruda, Amy Hill, Celeste Bliss, Shaylene Wederski, Kristi Holmes, Stephanie Vap, and Kathy Lewis. Not Pictured, Mary Ost-meyer



IS THAT REALLY YOU?



1. Mark 2. Kyle 3. Amy Berg 4. Amy Bond 5. Wendy 6. Stephanie 7. Terrica 8. Melissa P. 9. Darren 10. Chris 11. Amber 12. Melissa H. 13. Darla 14. Nick 15. Cheryl 16. Karl 17. Mike 18. Jennifer 19. Joanna 20. Troy 21. Melissa W. 22. Terri 23. Gwen 24. Darcy 25. Blaine 26. Tim

LETTERS FROM HOME

Darcy Kraft: You have been a real adventure. You have more potential than anyone realizes. Don't give up, all the work will be worth it. Love ya, Mom & Dad.

Melissa Williams: What a special individual you have become. You have brought us much joy and happiness in the 17 years you have been lent to us. With your many talents, you can accomplish anything you strive for. Always keep your faith in the Lord and yourself. We believe in you. Love, Mom & Dad

Stephanie Chessmore: Through teething, bruising, tugs, and boys, love has seen us through. Love you now and forever, Mom & Dad

Karl Hafer: Always remember God loves you and so do we. Love, Mom & Dad

Joanna McIntyre: You're all we could ever hoped for as a daughter. Set your goals and don't look back and always remember you are loved. Love, Mom & Larry

Tim Micek: God be with you, in your new life. We love you very much. Congratulations Tim. Love always, Mom & Dad

Gwen Bell: You've been both a learning experience and a blessing to our lives. We pray that as you venture out into the world, that you will not make happiness your goal. Instead, always live your life for Jesus Christ. We love you dearly and may God bless you always. Love, Mom & Dad

Mark Vrbas: Trust in the Lord and the dreams of your life will become real. We love you and are proud of you. Love you, Mom & Dad

Melissa Withington Palmer: Congratulations on your senior and final year. I'll bet the years will seem to fly between now and when Damon is in the same envious position. Love Always, Mom & Dad

Kyle Domsch: Good luck in the future, we have appreciated all the good times you have given us through the years. We are proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad

Mike Wederski: You have been a great joy and brought much laughter to our family throughout these past years and we know that you will have great success in everything you do. Your loving parents, Mom & Dad

Chris Dirks: For all the love, upset, joy, sorrow, excitement, and boredom, we will certainly miss you. Love, Mom & Dad

Amy Berggren: We are so proud of you and your many accomplishments through your school years. It is a joy to have you as our daughter. Love, Dad & Frances

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

H. Longfellow

Between the dark and the daylight
When the night is beginning to lower
Comes a pause in the day's occupations
That's known as the Children's Hour

I hear in the chamber above me
The patter of little feet
The sound of a door that is opened
And voices soft and sweet

I have you fast in my fortress
And will not let you depart
But put you down into the dungeon
In the round-tower of my heart

And there will I keep you forever
Yes, forever and a day
Till the walls shall crumble to ruin
And moulder in dust away

Troy Stice: You've been a great son and we are so proud of your accomplishments. Reach for the top, it's all yours. Never forget that we love you. Dad & Janet

Blaine Ginther: We love you! Love, Dad, Mom, Brent, & Jay

Amy Bondurant: Well kiddo, we made it! You have been such a joy and a blessing to me, I'm truly grateful. Always be yourself, take care, and God bless. I love you very much, Mom

Cheryl Domsch: Our love and best wishes to you at Graduation time. We wish you future happiness and success as you meet life's new challenges and goals. Remember you always have our love, concern, thoughts, prayers, and support. We love you very much. Love, Mom & Dad

Jennifer Cooper: I am very proud of you and think you are the best at everything you do. Congratulations, best of luck, and may you always succeed as you have done so far. Love, Dad

Jennifer Cooper: You have an abundance of determination, intelligence, and a wonderful sense of humor. So, look out world, here she comes. Love, Mom

Terraca Withington: Congratulations on your accomplishment of being a senior. Keep working hard and you will attain the many things you wish for. Love Always, Mom & Dad

Amber Hardon: We are extremely proud of you and we are wishing you the very best in whatever you pursue. May God bless you and grant you success. Love, Mom, Dad, & Carlos

Melissa Hafer: We are proud of you in lots of ways. You have brought us so much pride and joy. Go for your goals and may God bless you always. We love you, Mom & Dad

Terri Roberts: Your accomplishments have been great and will continue to be greater. We are very proud of you. Your smile and positive attitude will take you wherever you want to go. With our love and best wishes, Mom & Dad

Darla Phelps: Good luck in the future. We are proud to have you as our daughter. God bless you. You will always be in our prayers and thoughts. Love, Mom, Dad, & Daren

Darren Kogl: We have watched you grow from a baby to a strong young man. We wish your greatest expectations come true and we are satisfied that they will. You will be proud of yourself. We love you and Congratulations! Grandma & Grandpa

Gwen Bell

A-Club 2,3,4, Sec./Treas. 4; Stu-Co 4; Pep Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,4, Stu-Co Rep, 4; Independent Study 2,3,4; Volleyball 1,3,4; Golf 1,4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Girls State; Junior Bank Board; Basketball 3, Mgr. 2; Jr. Class Sec.; Sr. Class Treas.; SADD 3,4.

Amy Berggren

A-Club 4; Pep Club 1,2,3; Cheerleader 4; FHA 3; Independent Study 2,3,4; Volleyball Mgr. 1; Basketball 1; Track 3,4, Mgr. 1; Golf 2; Annual Staff; Senior Play; Prom Server; Office Assistant; Junior Bank Board; SADD Co-Pres. 3,4.

Amy Bondurant

A-Club 2,3,4; Stu-Co 4; Pep-Club 1,2,3; Independent Study 4; Cross Country 3,4, 4th at State, 4; Basketball 2,3,4, All-League 1st Team 4, All Area Honorable Mention, 4; Prom Queen; Prom Server; Fresh. & Jr. Class Pres.; Junior Bank Board; SADD 3.

Stephanie Chessmore

Pep Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; FFA 4; Band 1; Vocal 4; SADD 3,4.

Jennifer Cooper

A-Club 2,3,4; Stu-Co 2; Pep-Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4, Vice-Pres. 4; Independent Study 2,3,4; Band 1,2; Vocal 1,2,3,4; Royal Burgundian Consort 2,3,4; Volleyball 1,4; Basketball 2,3; Golf 1,2; Annual Staff; Junior Play; Sweetheart Royalty; Sr. Class Sec.; Junior Bank Board, SADD 3,4.

Chris Dirks

Pep-Club 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3,4 Sentenal 2, Sec. 3, Treas. 4; Band 4; Vocal 4; Golf 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2.

Cheryl Domsch

Stu-Co 3,4, Pres. 4; Pep-Club 1,2,3; FHA 4; Independent Study 4; Band 1,3, Band Council 3,

Drum Major 1; Vocal 1,2,3,4, Vocal Council 3,4; Royal Burgundian Consort 2,3,4; Cheerleader 3; Golf 1,2; Annual Staff; Prom Royalty; Sweetheart Royalty; SADD 3,4.

Kyle Domsch

A-Club 2,3,4; Stu-Co 2,3; Pep-Club 1,2,3; Independent Study 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Homecoming King; Law Academy; Prom Server; Senior Class Pres.

Bob Emahizer

Stu-Co 4; Band 1,2,3,4.

Blaine Ginther

A-Club 2,3,4, Vice-Pres. 4; Stu-Co 1,2; Pep-Club 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4, First team kicker 2,3,4, First team quarterback 4, All-state honorable mention 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2; Junior Play; Homecoming Royalty; Sweetheart Royalty; Prom Server; SADD 3.

Karl Hafer

A-Club 2,3,4; Pep-Club 1,2,3; FFA 4; Band 1; Vocal 1,2,3,4, Vocal Council 4, Vice-Pres. 4; Royal Burgundian Consort 2,3,4; Football Mgr. 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

Melissa Hafer


Pep-Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; FFA 4; Band 1; Vocal 3,4; SADD 3.

Amber Hardon

Pep-Club 1,2,3; FHA 4, Sec./Treas. 4; Independent Study 1,2,3,4; Band 1; Senior Play; Fresh. Class Sec./Treas.; Junior Bank Board; SADD 3,4; Basketball 2.

Darren Kogl

A-Club 3,4; Stu-Co 4; FFA 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1.

A collage of various student photographs serves as the background for the page. The photos include individual portraits and group shots of students in various settings, such as in classrooms, at sports events, and in casual group photos. Some photos are partially obscured by the text blocks.

Darcy Kraft

(1,2 Wheatland; 3,4 Atwood) Pep-Club 1,2,3; A-Club 3; FHA 1,2,3,4, Pres. 3,4, District officer 3, State Officer 4; Band 1,2; Vocal 1; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Golf 1,3; Homecoming Queen; Junior Class Treas; Senior Class Vice-Pres.

Wendy Luedders

Stu-Co 3,4; Pep-Club 1,2,3; Independent Study 4; Band 1; Vocal 2,3,4, Vocal Council 4; Flagline 3; Cheerleader 4; Volleyball 1; Track 1, Mgr. 4; Junior Play; Homecoming Royalty; Sweetheart Queen; Prom Server; Junior Bank Board.

Joanna McIntyre

A-Club 2,3,4; Stu-Co 2; Pep-Club 1,2,3; Vocal 1,2,3,4, Vocal Council 3,4, President 4; Royal Burgundian Consort 2,3,4; Cheerleader 3,4; Cross Country 1,2,3,4, All-League 3,4, State Champion 2; Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3,4, State Champion 1; Sweetheart Royalty; Prom Server; Athletic Directors Assistant; Junior Class Vice-Pres.; Junior Bank Board; SADD 3.

Tim Micek

FFA 2,3,4, Reporter 4; Track 1; Golf 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; SADD 3,4.

Melissa Palmer

Pep-Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Vocal 2,3,4.

Darla Phelps

Pep-Club 1,2,3; FHA 4; Independent Study 3; Vocal 1,2,3,4; Flagline 1; Volleyball 3; Golf 1,2,4.

Terri Roberts

A-Club 2,3,4; Stu-Co 1,4, Sec./Treas. 4; Pep-Club 1,2,3; Independent Study 2,3,4; Band 1; Cheerleader 3; Volleyball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Junior Play; Girls State; Prom Server; Soph. Class Sec./Treas.; Junior Bank Board; SADD 3,4.

Nick Simminger

FHA 4; FFA 4, Sec. 4; Vocal 3.

Troy Stice

A-Club 2,3,4; Stu-Co 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Independent Study 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4; State 5th Place 3, State 3rd Place 4, All Area 2nd Team 4; Junior Play; Prom King; Boys State; Prom Server; Junior Bank Board; SADD 3,4.

Mark Vrbas

A-Club 2,3,4; Stu-Co 1,2,3,4, Vice-Pres. 4; Pep-Club 1,2,3; FFA 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4, All-American 2nd Team, 4; Wrestling 1,2,3,4, State 2nd place, 4; Track 2,3,4; Prom Server; Junior Class Vice-Pres.

Mike Wederski

A-Club 2,3,4, Pres. 4; Pep-Club 1,2,3; Football 1,2,3,4, All-League 2nd team defensive tackle, 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Sweetheart Royalty; Boys State; Prom Server.


Melissa Williams

Pep-Club 1,2,3; FHA 4; Band 1,2; Vocal 1,2,3,4, Vocal Council 4, Treas. 4; Royal Burgundian Consort 2,3,4; Volleyball 1; Track Mgr. 4; Golf 1,2; Annual Staff; Junior Play; Senior Play; Library Assistant; Junior Bank Board; SADD 3,4.

Terraca Withington

Pep-Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Independent Study 3; Annual Staff; Senior Play; Junior Bank Board; SADD 3,4.

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A STRIKING YEAR

AFTER LIGHTING STRIKES

THE BEST CHAPTER

By Mamie Ozburn Odum

Each day is a new beginning
Of joy, sorrow, loss or gain;
Be brave, be strong for tomorrow
A new test comes again,

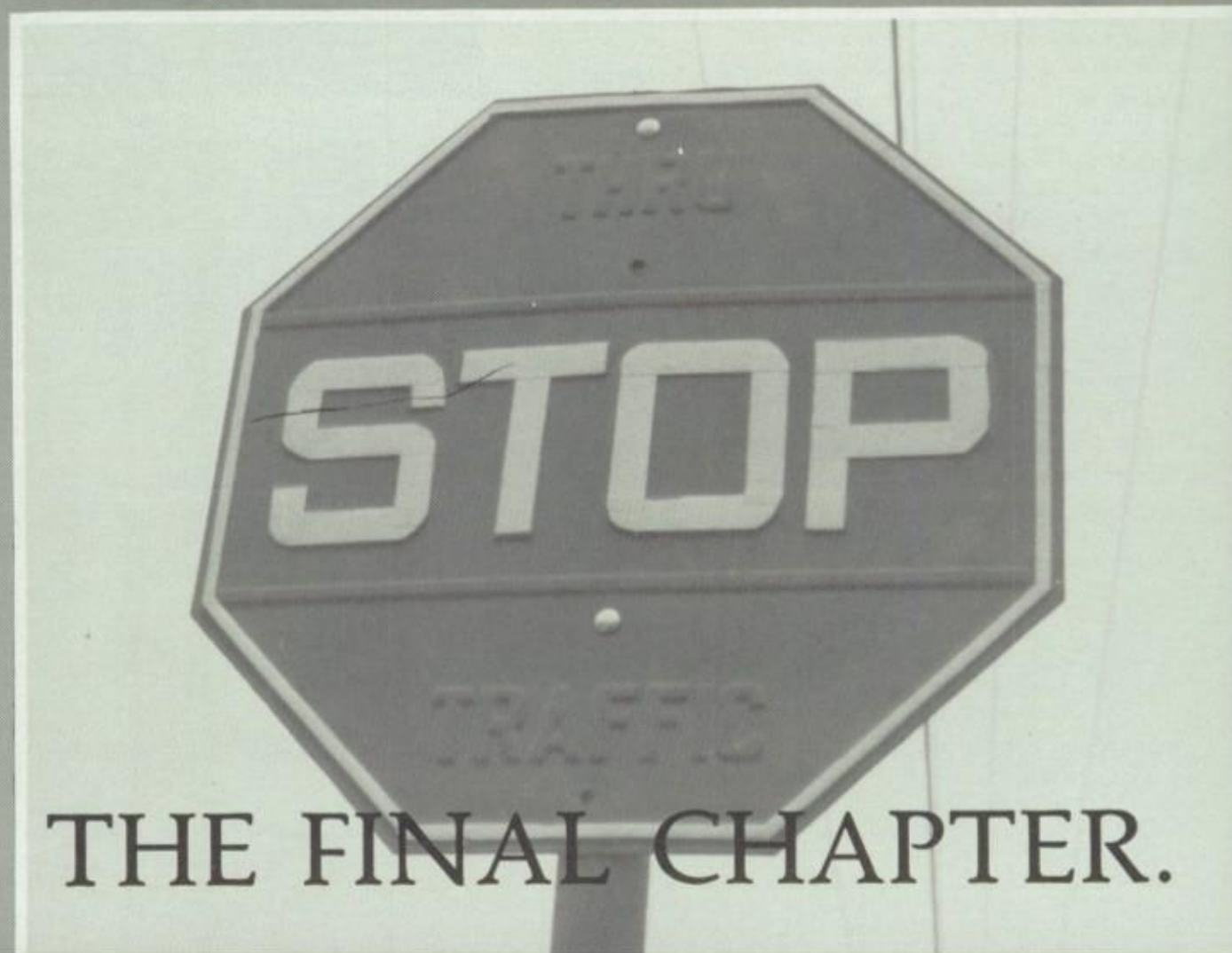
Bringing a fresh reminder
Of love and friendship strong,
And an effort to do better,
Meet life with a smile and a song.

The past may hold sweet memories,
And each a treasure to keep,
Like bread cast on the waters ...
As you sow so shall you reap.

Loved ones and friends are precious,
Life has its losses and gains;
Just know the brightest of sunshine
Follows the hardest rains.

So today build for tomorrow,
Write life's best chapter each day,
And tomorrow, in sweet expectations,
Will surely come your way.

Permission granted from Mariann Frisbie



THE FINAL CHAPTER.



Many things influence our lives. Clothes, music, politics, and other particulars all determine what action we take in our lives.

Fashion is a major forefront in daily life, and this year was no exception. Denim jeans, jackets, shirts, and metallic accessories led the way.

New York was the city to be in if a person liked football or baseball. The Giants defeated the Broncos in Superbowl XXI. The Mets hit their way to a World Series title.

Movies and songs were produced for entertainment. 'Platoon', 'Little Shop of Horrors', 'Top Gun' and 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off' were just a few of the years best. Radio and MTV brought music to our ears. Bon Jovi, Madonna, Run DMC, the Beastie Boys, and Van Halen were just a few of the musicians to hit the billboard.

Other items in the news were the Iran Arms scandal. Also, the controversy between blacks and whites in Forsythe County Georgia and the disease AIDS made headlines.

Atwood was the Kansas 'in' town. Mike Hayden was elected Governor and Fred Gatlin was chosen as the representative for the 120th district. Much progress was made in projects to restore the lake and the theatre.

Mother Nature gave the world many surprises. Snow in California and heat waves in Alaska did much to change people's wardrobes. The worst blizzards in years hit Northwest Kansas in April, while 70 degree weather in January brought confusion to plants and animals.

In the end, the world was happy, sad, good, and bad. Most of all, it was 1987.



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To Close . . . THE CALM AFTER THE 'STORM'.

Ten ladies, Karla McFee, Tammy Pitner, Stephanie Vap, Nadine Miller, Patty Steele, Terraca Withington, Cheryl Domsch, Melissa Williams, Jennifer Cooper, and Amy Berggren, with the help of advisor, Mrs. Fran Trail, have become a part of mass communication. All of this calls for cooperation, consideration, creativity, and managing the cost of all areas. We are all experiencing something that takes a lot of 'guts' because there are so many people and businesses who depend on a 'Work of Art' or a book put together to show what the year at Atwood High School has been. Of course, just like any other business, problems do come up. Some people are going to be less outgoing than others; deadlines have to be met. Then, there are times when members are not going to agree one hundred percent. There is more to journalism than just snapshots and stories. A staff member gets a feeling of togetherness. It is like a family that builds a great project together. In our case, we hope it is a 'Striking Year 1986-87' for everyone.



Mrs. Trail explains white space to Nadine, Karla, and Patty.



Terraca Withington writes out thoughts.



Melissa, Karla, Jennifer, and Tammy rummage through old pictures to sell to help pay for new pictures.

'Education does not end in the afternoon; it does not end in the spring; it does not end . . . until you do.'



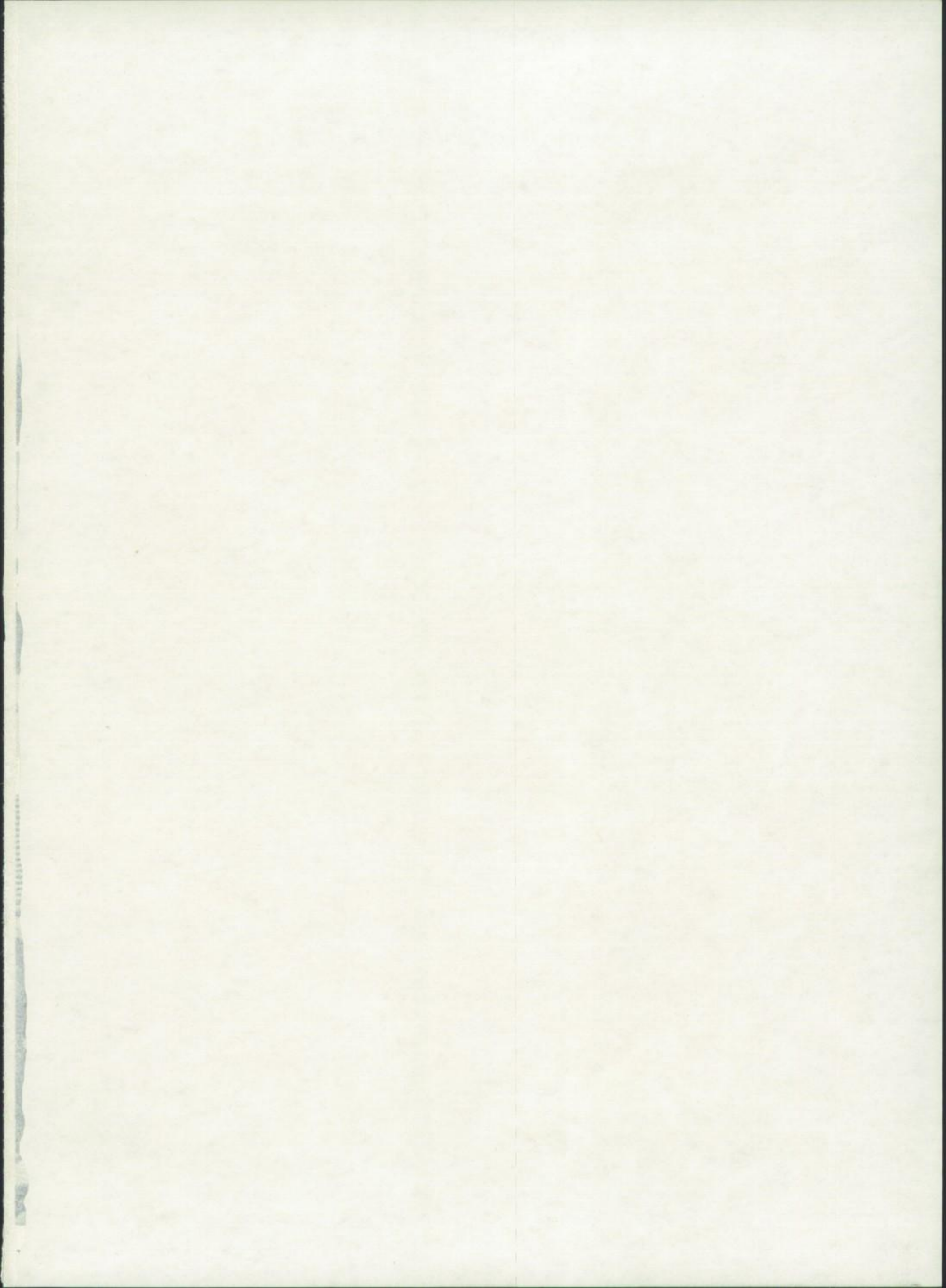
Amy works feverishly on her page.



Stephanie and Cheryl look for pictures.



Mr. Bill Beangard with our journalism staff's representative, Dennis Mammen.



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